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Victory Secures Third Win On The Trot



1 MVFC



0 Perth Glory

Melbourne has secured fifth place in the pre-season cup and its third win in succession after the side disposed of a lacklustre and severely undermanned Perth Glory 1-0 at Olympic Park on Friday night.

A late Danny Allsopp strike ensured the deserved win as he latched on to the end of a well weighted Adrian Caceres cross, nodding the ball past Glory custodian Alek Vrteski to score a much-belated 84th minute winner.

Perth scorned a brilliant chance to send the game into extra time in the 90th minute, as substitute Josip Magdic hit the post after a free kick from Stan Lazaridis caused pandemonium in the area.

In a best-on-ground performance, stand-in captain Grant Brebner brilliantly marshalled the midfield in assertive fashion, while Caceres dominated the left hand side of the park in an inspired display.

Following a rather opening tentative opening, the home side shot several warning signs as central defender Adrian Leijer played a low ball into the area finding Steve Pantelidis, but the midfielder struggled to place the vital final touch needed in a goal mouth scramble.

After a quarter of an hour, Brebner was almost able to break free of the shackles applied by the Glory defence, as he burst into the area following a slalom run, but a timely interception curtailed the former Dundee United player's efforts.

Dominating the left flank, the South American connection of Argentinean born winger Caceres and Claudinho continued to link in impressive fashion as a lofted cross from the ex-Perth player almost sent the Brazilian through on goal.

In his first starting appearance for Melbourne, Claudinho looked lively, as the fleet footed import weaved through the park, but found Glory's mammoth back four a major stumbling block to earning a breakthrough goal, finding himself pushed off the ball with relative ease.

While Victory dictated the game's tempo, Merrick's men lacked the clinical presence of first choice attackers Archie Thompson and Allsopp in attack and struggled to exploit the injury riddled Glory, as an Alessandro free kick was curled rather

feebly into the arms of Vrteski, before Perth almost punished Melbourne at the other end of the park with Stuart Young.

But on 29 minutes, Alessandro spurned a golden chance to hand Victory the lead when the 23-year old played an intricate one-two with Brazilian compatriot Claudinho before moving into the area and striking across the face of goal.

In positive signs for Melbourne in the lead up to round one, Melbourne's fluent forward movements on both flanks caused Perth significant duress as one-time Kristian Sarkies perpetually sent crosses into the area to no avail.

Catching Melbourne unawares in the final moments of the half Mislav Saric released a pile driver which flew just wide of Galekovic's goal.

After a Sarkies header was cleared off the line by Tyler Simpson early in the second half, the Glory should have gone one ahead when Saric shot into the side netting after being fed a through ball by journeyman Stuart Young.

Within minutes of his injection into the attack, Thompson scorned yet another scoring chance for Melbourne as he headed a Caceres cross straight into the arms of the Perth custodian.

As extra time loomed ominously, an organised Perth outfit were able to test the Victory defence on numerous occasions as they stifled Fred of space behind the forward line and attacked down the right flank through Leo Bertos, as Alessandro continued to neglect his defensive duties.

But with ten minutes remaining, a deflected Grant Brebner strike looped high, before super-sub Allsopp popped up to head home the winner, sending the disappointing crowd of 2215 into raptures.

Victory coach Ernie Merrick was thrilled with the performance of his much-maligned striker.

"It was great to see Daniel Allsopp come on and



Victory striker headed home the winning goal in Melbourne's home victory against Perth

score a goal," he said.

"He has had hand in every goal we have scored in this pre-season cup. He has either scored it, in fact he is the top goal scorer, he has made two for Archie and he created the penalty for the other." Merrick believed the display and subsequent result was a promising sign in the lead up to next week. "I think we are peaking at the right time, we're going into the start of the season against Adelaide at home off three wins so it's worked out well for us," Merrick said.

Match report by Simon Chiarelli
Ratings by Teo Pellizzeri

MVFC



Eugene Galekovic: 6 - Not a busy night and had the post to thank in the final minute of regular time for the clean sheet.

Daniel Plorkowski: 7 - Was clean with his feet and made a number of quality tackles to keep Young and Saric quiet.

Steve Pantelidis: 6 - On the whole had a quiet game but at crunch time in the final minute was there to get the desperate clearance.

Adrian Leijer: 7 - Promising performance in the centre, putting his head on the line and winning the headers all night.

Simon Storey: 7 - Impressive showing from a man with his place in the team on the line. A yellow card the only blemish on a night where he kept Lazaridis at bay.

Kristian Sarkies: 6 - Struggled with the set pieces on a wet night and despite getting plenty of it down the right flank just couldn't get the crosses right.

Fred: 6 - Quiet night for the forward who struggled to find the ball in the second half.

Adrian Caceres: 8 - Went in and out of the game but the assist was telling, and the cross made Allsopp's life a

breeze.

Grant Brebner: 8 - Dominated in midfield and was the reason Melbourne controlled the first half for more than 30 minutes.

Alessandro: 6 - Had the chance of the match in the first half but was otherwise unable to dribble his way into the contest. Left the field injured.

Claudinho: 6 - Had sticky feet when the killer pass was required, and was not able to get the better of defenders when trying to run onto through balls.

Substitutes

Danny Allsopp: 8 - Came on and got the goal, did all you could ask of a target man forward.

Archie Thompson: 6 - Just the one real chance which the keeper held, will be better for the run and no doubt be up and firing for round one.

Vince Lia: 6 Ten minutes not enough for Lia to impose himself on the contest.

Unused Subs

Michael Theoklitos

PERTH GLORY



Alek Vrteski: 6 - Not convincing between the posts and was cumbersome backtracking after the clearance which came back into the box for the goal.

Stan Lazaridis: 6 - Battled for the full 90 minutes despite being ill with a virus, a rugged professional performance.

David Tarka: 6 - The first time he has made it through four consecutive games for two years according to Glory coach Ron Smith. An achievement in itself.

Jamie Harnwell: 7 - Usually up for the physical contest with Allsopp, just did what he could against the wispy Brazilians.

Ante Kovacevic: 6 - Will be disappointed that he couldn't provide an aerial presence to contest that final crucial cross from which Allsopp scored.

Leo Bertos: 7 - Probably the Glory's best in a battling performance out wide on the left.

Jeremy Christie: 6 - Praised by coach Smith for getting through the full 90 minutes just six weeks after surgery, but faded as the game progressed.

Mark Robertson: 6 - Conceded a number of free kicks and was one of

the chief bully-boys on Alessandro.

Tyler Simpson: 7 - Had a clearance off the line and did provide an option going forward on the right. Bizarre to have the biggest unit in the team playing at right back but it looks a good fit.

Stuart Young: 6 - Frustrating day for the Perth striker, unable to find a way past Plorkowski and Leijer on the ground or in the air.

Mislav Saric: 5 - Spent a quiet hour on the pitch and when his one chance came he hit the side netting despite having only the keeper to beat.

Substitutes

Luka Glavas: 6 - Unable to increase the work rate that was lacking from the man he replaced, Saric.

Josip Magdic: 7 - Agonisingly hit the post in that desperate final minute, and otherwise kept the Victory defenders accountable.

Unused Subs

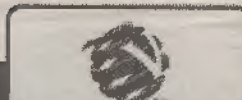
Andrew Crews

Monday 21 August



VODAFONE CUP

DETAILS



ROUND 25 SCOREBOARD

OAKLEIGH CANNONS 0 - 1 BULLEEN ZEBRAS

Friday 18th August Jack Edwards Reserve Crowd: 500

Goals: B. Harbinson (BZ) 74th.

Yellow cards: M. Gasperoni (BZ) 15th, B. Damianos (OC) 22nd, A. Pelikan (OC) 41st.

Red cards: None

Cannons: S. Webster, F. Rosman (S. Hehir HT), S. Poutakidis, S. Webster, R. Kumar, A. Pelikan (G. Abatzidis 81st), B. Damianos, C. Boutsianis, J. Nilo (T. Vullvuli 81st), V. Toma, A. Ewin.

Zebbras: T. Kovar, R. Antoniadis, M. Mazzini, A. Drakos, M. Gasperoni, D. Guglielmi, A. Fedijevic (H. Armenian 81st), S. Martin, B. Harbinson, R. Diaco, D. Piemonti (P. Kotsopoulos 61st).

ALTONA MAGIC 2 - 3 GREEN GULLY

Saturday 19th August Paisley Park Reserve Crowd: 500

Goals: S. Camelleri (GG) 17th, S. Becvinovski (AM) 33rd pen & 70th, J. Flemming (GG) 58th, M. Sanders 79th (GG).

Yellow cards: S. Zilic (AM) 42nd, S. Camelleri (GG) 63rd, A. Vargas (GG) 69th, M. Sanders (GG) 73rd, S. Mirkela (AM) 84th, L. Osman (AM) 90th.

Red cards:

Magic: B. Jevdevic, S. Mirkela, L. Osman, D. Madenovic, K. Delev, A. Opazo, S. Becvinovski, T. Razov (I. Kolevski 81st), A. Sherifovski (P. Cergovski 61st), S. Zilic (S. Zilic 46th), D. Vasilovski.

Gully: P. Schwalger, P. Riccobene, J. Flemming, B. Vassallo, M. Sanders (R. Cardozo 84th), J. Nikolic (S. Oksuz 74th), R. Ollerton, D. Nastevski, A. Vargas, L. Lapsansky (P. Hader 72nd), S. Camilleri.

SUNSHINE GEORGIES 1 - 0 HEIDELBERG UNITED

Sunday 20th August Chaplin Reserve Crowd: 1000

Goals: V. Trpcovski (SG) 34th.

Yellow cards: B. Gilmour (SG) 30th, M. Draycott (SG) 62nd, T. Ouliaris (HU) 65th, J. Falzon (SG) 82nd, L. Acevski (HU) 84th, E. Soares (SG) 90th.

Red cards: D. Jones (HU) 83rd, T. Ouliaris (HU) 94th

Georgies: M. John, I. Erdogan, C. Azzopardi, D. Rocco, J. Falzon, V. Trpcovski (E. Soares 72nd), A. Tsirtakis, M. Draycott (R. Napoli 86th), E. Muscat, B. Gilmour, F. Alghazaly (A. Gauci-Seddon 90th).

Bergers: L. Acevski, P. Roberts, D. Jones, R. Liparotti, J. Drossos (A. Gjuni 51st), S. Petrovic, N. Sabljak (D. Barakat 46th), S. Roheini (J. Groenwald 65th), T. Ouliaris, E. Vassiliadis, Y. Yusef.

MELBOURNE KNIGHTS 4 - 0 FAWKNER/WHITTLESEA BLUES

Sunday 20th August Chaplin Reserve Crowd: 1500

Goals: A. Neven (MK) 28th, N. Caldwell (MK) 30th, A. Baresic (MK) 41st, T. Milardovic (MK) 72nd pen.

Yellow cards: N. Antic (MK) 71st, T. Milardovic (MK) 72nd, T. Sterjovski (FW) 77th.

Red cards: None.

Knights: A. Cagaj, N. Antic, G. Talevski, D. Matkovic, I. Klarica, T. Milardovic (B. Chesson 73rd), R. Casey, C. Elvin, M. Dugandzic (L. Cannell 71st), N. Caldwell, A. Baresic (L. Slater 60th).

Blues: S. Tilovski, M. Siciliano (M. Packovski 46th), J. Angelovski, E. Awad, P. Dimovski, M. Bosevski (A. Colosimo 62nd), M. Tsiortas (J. Principato 82nd), J. Siljanovski, T. Sterjovski, J. Madarovski, G. Lombardo.

PRESTON LIONS 2 - 1 RICHMOND EAGLES

Sunday 20th August BT Connor Reserve Crowd: 2500

Goals: V. Korcarevski (RE) 44th, S. Pace (PL) 67th & 69th, Yellow cards: G. Hockless (RE) 18th, N. Bahnsen (RE) 62nd, P. Siveski (PL) 70th.

Red cards: None.

Lions: S. Ozdemir, Z. Younan, L. Anastasiou, T. Devrim, M. Gasparis (S. Masalkovski 84th), J. Sapazovski (G. Petrovski 88th), N. Lazarevski, S. Pace, P. Siveski, E. Karahan, Y. Said (B. Gorgioski 80th).

Eagles: N. Crosley, S. Webster (T. celentano 80th), N. Bahnsen, J. Baskerville, S. McCluskey, B. Beni (F. O'Colmain 75th), D. Visavic, S. Sivic, G. Hockless, V. Korcarevski (X. Sulemani 75th), J. Robinson.

SOUTH MELBOURNE 5 - 1 FRANKSTON PINES

Sunday 20th August Bob Jane Stadium Crowd: 500

Goals: R. Tavsanciloglu (SM) 5th, C. Metcalfe (FP) 9th, G. De Nittis (SM) 42nd & 70th, F. De Moraes 69th & 82nd.

Yellow cards: None

South: D. Anastasiadis, C. Blatsis, A. Oliveira, D. Djulbic, R. Tavsanciloglu, T. Banser, N. Curtis, S. MacNicol, G. De Nittis, A. Naglieri.

Pines: K. McIvor, J. Cumming, M. Anderson, T. Malcolm, C. Metcalfe, D. Craig, C. Jones, B. Ovcin, N. Waite, C. Leopold, C. Stewart.

PLAYING TONIGHT

ESSENDON ROYALS - KINGSTON CITY

Monday 21st August Veneto Social Club

Goals:

Yellow cards:

Red cards:

VODAFONE CUP TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Oakleigh Cannons	25	16	6	3	46	23	54
South Melbourne	25	12	6	7	45	26	42
Heidelberg Utd	25	12	5	8	43	34	41
Altona Magic	25	11	7	7	30	23	40
Preston Lions	25	10	7	8	43	42	37
Kingston City	24	10	5	9	34	34	35
Green Gully	25	9	7	9	43	40	34
Bulleen Zebras	25	9	6	10	27	33	33
Richmond Eagles	25	8	8	9	38	38	32
Melbourne Knights	25	8	6	11	32	37	30
Sunshine Georgies	25	8	6	11	30	35	30
Fawkner-Whittlesea	25	9	1	15	37	51	28
Essendon Royals	24	6	6	12	24	34	24
Frankston Pines	25	6	4	15	22	44	22

Spoljar And Knights Part Ways



Joe Spoljar (right) enjoyed a short yet turbulent reign as coach of the Melbourne Knights

Joe Spoljar became the latest coaching casualty of the 2006 Vodafone Cup when he and the Melbourne Knights parted ways after an extraordinary meeting at Knights Stadium on Tuesday night. Players Ryan Casey and Adrian Cagaj will be in charge of the team for the remaining games of the season.

Spoljar stepped into the hot-seat at Somers Street back in June after Josip Biskic resigned immediately following a 7-0 defeat by rival South Melbourne. In a season that began with much promise, the Knights lead the league standings after the initial rounds of competition, but have since experience boardroom turmoil behind the scenes, mass player walk-outs, a third coaching change and an alarming slide down the table. The former two time Australian champion which produced such greats as Billy Vojtek, Jimmy Mackay, Mark Viduka, Danny Tiatto, Josip Simunic, Steve Horvat and Joe Didulica, now faces one of its stiffest challenges in recent history as it prepares to

avoid the serious threat of relegation to State League Division One.

Speaking to Spoljar during the week he said, "I wish the club all the best, but the situation is pretty grey. I have no regrets playing any of the youngsters, I don't think they got disgraced in any of the games they were called upon and they'll be better off for the experience given. I understand that supporters want to win at all costs, but I've never had to endure such pressure. I have no grudges and always knew who was going to pay the price in the end. I don't think the boys have let the club down and I appreciate the chance the committee had given me after a long, long time. I tried to do the best I could with what I had and it was a bit much to ask of the kids." For its final two games of the season the Knights have reportedly welcomed back the return of many of the first team members that initially walked out on the club a few weeks ago.

VODAFONE CUP UNDER-21s

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Green Gully Cavaliers SC	25	16	4	5	55	25	52
Richmond SC	25	13	5	7	51	37	44
Preston Lions SC	23	13	4	6	43	35	43
Sunshine Georgies SC	24	12	4	8	59	33	40
Fawkner-Whittlesea SC	22	11	6	5	42	26	39
South Melbourne FC	23	11	5	7	47	36	38
Oakleigh Cannons SC	25	10	6	9	51	43	36
Heidelberg United SC	23	10	5	8	36	34	35
Bulleen Zebras SC	22	10	4	8	35	32	34
Essendon Royals SC	22	8	4	10	27	37	28
Altona Magic SC	25	8	1	16	38	58	25
Melbourne Knights SC	25	7	1	17	28	57	22
Frankston Pines SC	23	7	0	16	37	57	21
Kingston City SC	23	3	3	17	25	64	12

Oakleigh Cannons 0
Bulleen Zebras 5,

Altona Magic 1
Green Gully 3,

Preston Lions 1
Richmond 1,

Sunshine Georgies 2
Heidelberg United 1,

Melbourne Knights 1
Fawkner-Whittlesea 2,

South Melbourne
Frankston Pines,

Essendon Royals
Kingston City

VODAFONE CUP ROUND 26

KINGSTON CITY v BULLEEN ZEBRAS

Sunday 27th August
The Grange Reserve,
Kingston Mel: 79 F8
KO 3pm

GREEN GULLY CAVALIERS v SOUTH MELBURN

Sunday 27th August
Green Gully Reserve,
Keilor Mel: 14 E8
KO 3pm

PRESTON LIONS v ESSENDON ROYALS

Sunday 27th August
BT Connor Reserve
Preston Mel: 18 B2
KO 3pm

FAWKNER/WHITTLESEA v SUNSHINE GEORGIES

Sunday 27th August
Epping Stadium,
Epping Mel: 182 C4
KO 3pm

FRANKSTON PINES v OAKLEIGH CANNONS

Sunday 27th August
Monterey Reserve,
Frankston Mel: 99 K8
KO 3pm

HEIDELBERG UNITED v ALTONA MAGIC

Sunday 27th August
Olympic Village,
Heidelberg Mel: 19 D11
KO 3pm

RICHMOND EAGLES v BULLEEN ZEBRAS

Sunday 27th August
Kevin Bartlett Reserve,
Richmond Mel: 59 A1
KO 3pm

LEADING GOALSCORERS

Michael Curcija
Kingston City FC 16

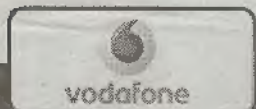
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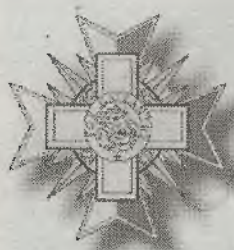
Anthony Magnacca
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Mark Tsiortas
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VODAFONE CUP

Round 25



GEORGIES DO IT AGAIN!

SUNSHINE CAN ALMOST TASTE SURVIVAL

Sunshine Georgies 1 - 0 Heidelberg Utd



Amid scenes of jubilation at the conclusion of this game, the Sunshine Georgies have almost assured themselves Premier League football for season 2007 as they defeated Heidelberg United with a stunning goal from Vasko Trpceviski.

The game started off almost looking like a battle of two teams who had nothing left to play for in the season. There was no real life, no real chances and no real desire from either team to really create anything. Sunshine was shading the visitors at this stage and the only real threat from Heidelberg was coming from Yusef Yusef and Eric Vassiliadis but they weren't allowed to really penetrate.

As the game progressed past the half hour mark it was obvious that there was some spark required from an individual to arrest the ascendancy for his team and this spark came in the form of Vasko Trpceviski. A move which started from the hands of Martin John found its way along the clubroom side of Chaplain Reserve and was passed onto Trpceviski who ran at the visiting defence and unleashed a pile driver of a shot, which curled past Lou Acevski and bulged the Heidelberg net.

The Sunshine crowd was up celebrating a moment which was to prove the pivotal one of the game and a renewed sense of survival. It demonstrated the team's ability to survive and the feeling permeated through all involved. The Bergers were far from

done though and they pressed for the remainder of the first half, chasing a reply that never came and the break saw the home side leading by the single goal.

The second half started with Sunshine coming out looking not only to maintain their lead but to enhance it. It almost happened when a Trpceviski cross found youngster Jonathan Falzon unmarked and he ghosted in and he put bullet header into the side netting much to his disappointment. Both teams had half chances but never anything too clear cut.

The game turned again in favor of the home side when a Heidelberg player was shown his marching orders being given a straight red card for throwing an elbow. The Heidelberg players all crowded the referee to protest his decision but the referee stood by it and booked the keeper Acevski for his repeated protestations.

Late in the game the Heidelberg custodian showed why he is one of the best keepers in this state with a quality save low to his left when faced with a one on one situation. It was most certainly one of the better saves seen at chaplain reserve this season. Time ran out and scenes of jubilation were evident from the players and supporters alike.

Depending on what takes place tomorrow at the Veneto club between the Royals and Kingston City, Sunshine could be mathematically safe and more

then likely they probably are going to survive to love another day in the Vodafone Cup.

I'd like to take this opportunity in finishing this report to thank all the officials and players of the Sunshine George cross soccer club for all the information, access and help they have always been willing to give me throughout this 2006 season.

By Reuben Schembri
Photos by Daniel Flis



What the Coaches Said...

Fab Incantalupo
Coach, Sunshine Georgies:

We were very satisfied with the 1-0 win, especially against a top four side that is going in to the finals. Today was like a Grand final for us today and we got the three points and it looks like we might have saved ourselves for the Vodafone Cup for next year. That was most pleasing and we've picked up 10 points in the last 5 or 6 games, so today was another good result for us.

Con Pappas
Coach, Heidelberg Utd:

It was tough game and I think we deserved better than losing 1-0. We lost Sabljak at half-time due to injury, but I was a bit disappointed by our discipline and the standard of the refereeing. I think the standard of play has improved, but in general, I don't think the refereeing has followed. We were good for a draw, but good luck to Sunshine Georgies anyway.

Man of the Match
Brett Gilmour
(Georgies)

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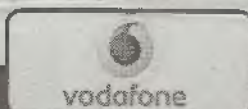
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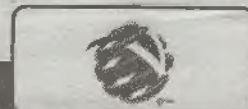
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VODAFONE CUP

Round 25


LIONS CEMENT PLACE IN FINALS

GALLANT RICHMOND KNOCKED OUT OF TOP SIX RACE



Preston Lions 2 - 1 Richmond Eagles



Preston Lions destroyed Richmond's Top Six hopes and strengthened their own claims with a 2-1 come from behind win at Connor Reserve.

In a lively start Johnny Sapazovski shot over the crossbar from the edge of the penalty box in the first minute after a cross from Marinos Gasparis. Richmond then attacked, with Semir Sivic running onto a ball switched from left to right, cutting inside and shooting over the bar from twenty-five yards out. Sapazovski shot wide in the fifth minute when a headed clearance from a cross fell at his feet just outside the area.

Five minutes later Brendan Beni intercepted a pass and chipped over a defender to find James Robinson, who had his volley turned around the post by Preston keeper Savas Ozdemir. The next chance didn't come for ten minutes, Gasparis found cutting into the box on the left but unable to beat Richmond keeper Nick Crossley from a slight angle fifteen yards from goal. Some trickery from Robinson by the left-side corner flag ended with him beating two defenders and crossing into the area where Sivic headed the ball over the bar.

Less than a minute later a cross from Sivic saw Ozdemir fail to capture the ball, with Beni unable to capitalise on the opportunity presented to him the Lions were let off the hook. When a free kick

was cleared out to Graham Hockless, his ball forward was laid back by Simon Webster for Veton Korcarevski to strike, which saw the ball fly well over the target.

On the half hour another Sivic cross ended up being cleared only as far as Beni, who struck it back over the crossbar. A minute later Zaya Younan forced a save from Crossley with an effort from the edge of the area. Daniel Visevic put a shot wide and Ozdemir saved from Robinson in the aftermath of a corner before the Eagles broke through in the final minute of the first half. Graham Hockless won the ball and found Robinson, who played it to Korcarevski. From the fringe of the penalty area he unleashed a shot low into the corner to fire the away side into a 1-0 lead at the break.

When play resumed, it looked for a while as if Richmond would soon add a second. In the first minute a series of one-two passes between Robinson and Visevic ended with a shot from Visevic being blocked and landing in the path of Robinson fifteen yards directly in front of goal and with a defender falling down behind him. He struck the ball wide and over corner of the goal.

Sivic produced another cross from the right two minutes later, the ball slightly away from Robinson seeing him flick it over his head and onto the top of the crossbar. Then a minute later Robinson

played in Sivic, who had his shot parried by Ozdemir across the goalmouth. The ball ran away from Korcarevski, who did well to keep it in play and win a corner when his shot from a tight angle was cleared.

Nick Lazarevski headed a cross from the right wide after fifty-five minutes before Richmond wasted another glorious opportunity, Hockless feeding Visevic who played in Robinson up the middle, Ozdemir saving with his feet when left one-on-one with Richmond's leading scorer. Four minutes later the inspirational Younan had a shot blocked for a corner. Younan took the corner which was headed in at the near post by Lazarevski, and the sides were once again on level terms.

Richmond tried to hit back with a long throw by Hockless which was headed down by James Baskerville for Visevic to strike, his volley just wide of the top corner. Noel Bahnsen was booked for pulling back Lazarevski as the ball bounced poorly for him, but the free kick came to nothing when it hit the wall. Substitute Blaze Georgioski found an un-marked Lazarevski as the ball was shifted across from the right to the left, and the Lions marksman made no mistake with his finish, putting the home side in front after sixty-six minutes.

Beni shot wide when a ball was cleared to him on the edge of the box, as Richmond struggled to regain their composure. Robinson shot over with ten minutes to go. Three minutes later Sapazovski could have sealed the win, but Crossley came out and saved when left stranded one-on-one with the striker. Preston comfortably saw out the rest of the game until a scare in the final minute, when substitute Xhezair Sulemani's square ball from the right ran across the six yard box without anyone able to steer it into the net.

By Mark Boric
Photos by Phuc Pham

What the Coaches Said...

Goran Lozanovski
Coach, Fawkner-Whittlesea:

It was probably our most crucial game to date. We had to win to knock Richmond out of the running against us, and we did that in the end. It was a tough battle out there today, it probably wasn't the prettiest of football, they had their chances and we did ride our luck in certain situations of the game, but the main point was winning the game.

Phil Stubbins
Coach, Richmond Eagles:

Preston came out in the first 10 mins and gave a good account of themselves. I think from that moment on we stemmed the tide and certainly in terms of chances created, we probably edged them out there. We scored a good goal and were pretty comfortable. We came out in the second half and completely dominated, they scored a couple of sloppy goals from our point view. We were pretty unlucky not to get something out of that game today.

Man of the Match
Nick Lazarevski
(Lions)



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SOUTH CHOPS DOWN PINES

SOUTH RATTLES FIVE PAST SORRY PINES

South Melbourne 5 - 1 Frankston Pines



South Melbourne grabbed back second place on the ladder and extinguished any faint hopes of the Pines surviving in the Premier with a crushing 5-1 victory at Bob Jane stadium on Sunday evening.

South got off to a flyer when right back Rama Tavsancioglu rose uncontested to head home a Fernando De Moraes corner in off the upright. Pines striker Colin Stewart had a great chance to equalize minutes later however he missed the

ball completely with just the keeper to beat from close range. The Pines were soon celebrating a goal when midfielder Craig Metcalfe's powerful strike from 35 metres, swerved wickedly past South keeper Dean Anastasiadis inside his far post.

The Pines continued to push forward, however South began to exploit the spaces opening up for them in midfield and attack, creating a number of opportunities as the half progressed.

Former Pines players Antonio Naglieri and Andreas Oliveira went close with shots from distance whilst DeMoraes began to exert his influence with an attempt on goal finding the gloves of Kieran McIvor who was to have a busy evening in the Pines goal.

South had their fans on the edge of their seats when South striker Gianni De Nittis found himself with just the keeper to beat following some good approach play by Tavsancioglu. McIvor proved equal to the task and DeMoraes sprayed the rebound wide of the target.

Oliveira's 39th minute cross gave DeMoraes a great chance to head home but his attempt again found McIvor in the way.

South's persistence finally paid off when Oliveira's tantalizing cross in the 42nd minute, found the head of Gianni De Nittis whose header looped over McIvor into the net.

The second half began with the Pines pushing Metcalfe up front in place of Nic Waite with substitute Dom D'Angelo coming into midfield.

But it was keeper McIvor who continued to keep his side in the match with a wonderful save from a Scot MacNicol drive in the 58th minute after a defensive error gifted the midfielder with a chance.

However the floodgates opened in the 69th minute, when DeMoraes' left foot finish gave McIvor no chance as the Brazilian ran onto a deft De Nittis pass played in behind the Pines back three.

A minute later De Moraes returned the complement by setting up De Nittis for South's fourth

What the Coaches Said...

John Anastasiadis
Coach, South Melbourne:

There's no doubt about it we had total domination and the boys played quite well and were more ruthless in the second half, we deservedly got the good results and the points. We know we've got another cup final next week against Green Gully.

Adam Jamieson
Coach, Frankston Pines:

Unavailable for comment

Man of the Match
Gianni Denittis
(South)

goal, a clinical finish from inside the box. The fourth goal signaled a flurry of substitutions from both coaches. But it was the home team that continued with more of the same. De Moraes completed the scoring for the evening in the 82nd minute when he stepped inside an opponent and slotted the ball past the keeper from 10 metres, for his second of the match.

By George Stogiannou
Photos by John Punshon

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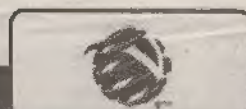
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KNIGHTS SIZZLE BLUES AWAY



THRASHING VICTORY FOR LONG SUFFERING KNIGHTS

Melbourne Knights 4 - 0 Fawknor-Whittlesea Blues

The Melbourne Knights rewound the clock to their glory days in the mid 90's, as they emphatically disposed of Fawknor/Whittlesea 4-0 at Knights stadium on Sunday afternoon in Round 25 of the Vodafone Cup. So dominant was the Knights performance under care taker coach Ryan Casey, in that the Blues failed to procure a goal scoring opportunity for the entire game.

The Melbourne Knights virtually fielded a full strength squad for the first time in over two months. Whilst for the visitors, coach John Markovski was a notable omission from the Fawknor/Whittlesea line up.

The first 20 minutes was a non event with both teams looking disjointed and lacking rhythm. The home side lifted several gears soon after the opening lull creating two clear cut chances

within minutes.

The Knights deservedly took the lead in the 27th minute through a powerful Neven Antic header from a Knight's corner. Two minutes later the home side doubled their lead thru a venomous Nathan Caldwell strike after team mate Andrew Barisic neatly chested down Caldwell the half volley.

The Knights netted their third in the 40th minute, after a piercing run and depth cross to the back post by 16 year old Mate Dugandzic was headed home by Barisic.

The home side picked up from where they left off in the first half, dominating proceedings. Blues Keeper' Steven Tilovski denied Caldwell brilliantly in the 65th minute, however two minutes later Dario Matkovic was fouled in the box by Edward Award, earn-

ing the Knights a penalty. Tommy Milardovic converted the penalty calmly, giving the Knights their biggest win of the year.

The Knights should have had their fifth in the 86th minute after teenage substitute Liam Cannell split the Blues defence with a telling thru ball. Unfortunately Caldwell failed to finish off Cannell's good work. The emphatic 4-0 win over the Blues virtually assures the Knight's premiership survival.

By Bruno Zovko

Photo by Daniel Flis

Man of the Match
Neven Antic
(Knights)

What the Coaches Said...

Ryan Casey

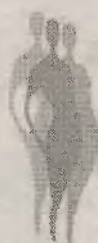
Coach, Melbourne Knights:

I'm just delighted with the outcome of the game. The team spirit was really there today which probably went missing the last few weeks. It was a very hard week, but training was very sharp and with the return of some of the players, all the lads just bonded together and worked their socks off and I couldn't have asked any more from the players.

John Markovski

Coach, Fawknor-Whittlesea:

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GULLY KEEPS THE FINALS DREAM ALIVE



SASH CATCHES CURCIJA BUT MAGIC FALTERS AT HOME

Altona Magic 2 - 3 Green Gully Cavaliers

The Cavaliers have bounced back from their unfortunate result last weekend at home to the Georgies with a stirring 3-2 victory over Altona Magic. A completely different looking starting eleven did the job for Gully at Paisley Reserve.

Pasi Schwalger returned to first team football for the first time almost two months, Jeffrey Fleming just got off a plane from the other side of the world, on international duty with New Zealand, Ryan Ollerton returned from illness, Steven Camilleri played in central defense in place of the suspended Dean Fak and Zoran Markovski and Matthew Sanders also made his first start in the team under Ian Dobson.

It was Steven Camilleri who opened the scoring for the visitors, scoring from a corner with a header through a crowd of players in front of the Magic goal. Gully could have gone 2-0 up, but Lubo Lapsansky had a penalty kick saved by Magic goalkeeper Bojo Jedjevic, after Matthew Sanders was brought down in the area. Within minutes, Altona were awarded a penalty kick at the other end of the pitch, Sasho Becvinovski made no mistake.

In the second half, Matthew Sanders setup Jeffrey Fleming to put the Cavaliers back in front, Sash Becvinovski found space at the back post to equalise for Magic again. With five minutes to play, man of the match, Matthew Sanders rose above the pack to head home the winner for Green Gully, and keep the finals dream alive in 2006, and put an end to relegation fears for this season.



Green Gully's Under 21's are just one win from their last match at home to fourth placed South Melbourne from being declared the 2006 Under 21 Champions. The Cavalier Under 21's were 3-1 winners away to Altona Magic today. •Pres-

ton Lions, in third place, have four matches to play still, Green Gully will become champions if Preston loses one of those matches.

By Markian Jawolsky

What the Coaches Said...

Vlado Torteviski
Coach, Altona Magic:

In some parts of the game we played some very good football and we were dominating we actually conceded some very soft goals. We came back strongly and had some very good chances, but unfortunately didn't score. We're looking forward to the Heidelberg game which might determine second spot, but we still have hope and we'll take it from there.

Ian Dobson
Coach, Green Gully:

I think it was one of our best performances since I've been back over the last nine weeks. Although we missed a penalty, we thoroughly deserved to win the game in the overall balance of play and I felt we deserved the three points. Green Gully hasn't actually won at Altona for over ten years and I was extremely proud of the players.

Man of the Match
Tomi Razov
(Magic)



Above: Gully's Brandon Vassalo dribbles through two Altona markers

Left: Gully's Ryan Ollerton rises high for the header

Below: Andy Vargas is patted on the back by his team-mates

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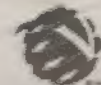
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ZEBRAS DO THE DOUBLE OVER MINOR CHAMPS



HARBINSON GOAL GIVES THE ZEBRAS SLIM HOPE FOR FINALS ACTION

Oakleigh Cannons 0 - 1 Bulleen Zebras

A second half goal coming from Ben Harbinson has kept the finals in sight for the Bulleen Zebras as they disposed of the Oakleigh Cannons at Jack Edwards Friday night.

The game had a fierce pace to it as both sides struggled to hold possession early in the first half. Oakleigh seemed to have the upper hand, holding the ball well and attacking at every opportunity, flexing their offensive muscle.

Bulleen began to show just why they are a dangerous side in the fifth minute with a well hit strike from Adam Fedijevic veering wide of the goalmouth. The Cannons reply was an excellent ball put across face of goal by Raj Kumar skimming past Tomas Kovar but not finding the foot of an anxious Juan Nilo.

Oakleigh missed yet another chance with Veresa Toma making a run down the wing and giving a brilliant through ball to Anthony Pelikan who hit straight at the keeper.

The Cannons continued to look the dominant side with some hard work from Con Boutsianis and Raj Kumar lifting Oakleigh's attacking game.

Bulleen's real chances came late in the first half with a shot from Michael Gasperoni and a header that looked on target all the way from Dean Piemonti both sailing over the crossbar keeping

the Zebra's faithful on their toes.

The second half held some opportunities for Oakleigh that they couldn't convert, much to the frustration of the Cannon's supporters braving the cold weather.

Boutsianis again was in top gear trying at every opportunity to create a scoring chance, setting up Pelikan in the 55th minute and substitute Sam Hehir in the 64th - both shots were hit straight over the crossbar not troubling the Zebras much at all.

A cracking free kick taken from close to half way by Raj Kumar stunned the crowd but was no problem for Kovar, who had it covered all the way.

Bulleen's goal in the second term lifted their spirits and they kept the Oakleigh attack to a minimum, the Cannons only real chance came at the end of the half in a scramble in the box that eventuated in the ball being cleared and the referee blowing the time on the game.

The win sees Bulleen's finals hopes still very much alive while Oakleigh may just view it as a wake up call before the finals kick-off in a fortnight.

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What the Coaches Said...

Stuart Munro
Coach, Oakleigh Cannons:

Obviously from our point of view we're just looking at performances, and I felt we put in another fairly good performance. I thought the lads did well and were unfortunate to lose the game. I thought we were the better team and we didn't get the goals that we probably deserved. They're probably a bit of a bogey team for us and as far as the way we played I was pretty happy with the guys, especially when there's nothing really at stake for us at the moment.

Michael Michalakopoulos
Coach, Bulleen Zebras:

Absolutely ecstatic with our performance, it was a really good team effort again and we've now gone three games without losing. We really played as a unit, we hassled them from the start, kept it tight and broke them down in the second-half. We're still in there with a shot depending if a few results go our way, but just the fact that we're finishing really well is a credit to the guys, they've really stuck together and turned it around.

Man of the Match
Con Boutsianis
(Cannons)

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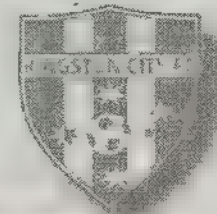
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ESSENDON

DO OR DIE AS ROYALS CLING ON TO THE TOP FLIGHT



Essendon Royals vs Kingston City



Their Future is on the line: It is a must win game for the Royals and you can expect them to do anything in order to defend their line. Photo by Daniel Flis

FORM TABLE Past 8 matches

Essendon Royals						
	matches	won	draw	lost	goals for	goals against
home	8	2	1	5	6	11
away	8	2	2	4	7	11
total	16	4	3	9	13	22

	matches	won	draw	lost	goals for	goals against
home	8	3	1	4	10	13
away	8	2	3	3	11	15
total	16	5	4	7	21	28

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Away lost	48%	42%
Away goals	1 PM	1.42 PM

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Well, well, well, what can I say about this fixture? Probably holds the most significance this round with both teams needing points for different reasons.

After an emphatic start to their inaugural Vodafone Cup season, Kingston City have endured the lowest of lows of late and after looking like a genuine title contender just months ago, find themselves clinging on to a spot in the six. Essendon, on the other hand, are in serious strife. After Sunshine's victory over arch-rival Green Gully last weekend, the Royals are now 3 points in arrears of the Georgics and the fast rising Melbourne Knights. With an unfashionable journey to BT Connor Reserve in the final round, the Royals have earmarked this one as a must win. With pressure fast coming from Preston, Richmond, Green Gully and the Bulleen Zebras, the Reds cannot afford another slip up but will fancy their chances in a last round fixture at home to the Melbourne Knights.

Last time it was the Reds that came out victorious. Joe Spiteri put Kingston in front within the first ten minutes and although cruising for much of the fixture, couldn't seem to put the final nail in the coffin. The ever reliable Michael Curcija popped up ten minutes from time to tap into an empty net giving Kingston a fairly routine 2-0 victory over a toothless Essendon outfit.

Both teams have had to adapt to coaching changes this season and unfortunately it hasn't been a smooth transaction. George Katsakis left a side on the slide and not even the experience of Kenny Murphy could take the squad to greener pastures. Essendon parted company with Luciano Trani mid season and the experienced David Winton took over the reigns. After an encouraging few weeks, Essendon have dropped their bundle and are headed for State League 1.

One thing Essendon can look forward to are the demons that haunted Kingston on their last outing to the Veneto Club. The Reds let a 2 goal lead slip when they conceded two goals in the final ten minutes to eventually lose 3-2. Essendon will be buoyed by Kingston's vulnerability to hold onto leads and will fancy their chances no matter what position they're in.

What the Coaches Said...

David Winton

Coach, Essendon Royals:

"We pretty much at full strength with the return of goalkeeper Marko Sutaio and Cameron. We've trained well this week, tried to make it a bit more relaxed to take the pressure off and we're looking for a positive result. It's do or die for us and it's certainly like a 'cup final' for us, the loser gets nothing out of this one as far as we're concerned. The message to my boys is that there's no point saving this for another game - we've got to win to stand a chance."

Kenny Murphy

Coach, Kingston City:

"The Kingston camp is looking ok. We're right up there yet, but we should have Kiratzogiou back this week. I'm getting to know the players a bit better and working on the best systems of where we need to play them. It's a big one for us because a win will more or less put us into the finals. As the ex-coach who took Essendon to the Premier League it will be sad to see that if we win, it could relegate them. But, that's what life is all about - you have to live for the moment."

But form hasn't been kind to the Royals and are now desperate for points. If Kingston rock up with the right attitude, they'll take the points. This Essendon team is a squad very low on confidence, not even the dreaded thought of relegation will get them out of this one. Kingston for mine and with it a guaranteed top six finish.

By George Sahinidis

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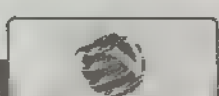
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WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE

Round 21



WPL Goes Down To The Wire

The penultimate round of the Vodafone WPL proved another big one, ensuring that both the fight to avoid relegation and the make up of the top five will go down to the wire. The round produced a real mix of results, with only two of the current top five winning, and two of the bottom three also posting victories.

Cranbourne Comets kept itself on track for the finals with a thumping 9-1 victory over already relegated Brimbank at the Italo-Australian Social Club on Saturday. Seven first half goals put the result beyond doubt, with Cranbourne adding two more after the break, and Brimbank notching a consolation effort. Sarah Fitzgerald proved a significant asset for the visiting team, scoring five of her team's nine goals. The result keeps Cranbourne fourth, three points ahead of Keilor, but, most importantly, now five points ahead of sixth-placed Sandringham, which Cranbourne meets in the final round of the season. With Cranbourne also facing Keilor on Tuesday evening, its fate regarding the finals is entirely in its own hands.

Despite having its chances of making the finals ended last weekend, Bendigo Vipers posted a big victory at Strathfieldsaye Sports Complex on Saturday, to defeat Preston Lions. Three unanswered goals in each half ensured the points remained in Bendigo, and gave the home side its tenth victory of the season. With the way other results panned out over the weekend, Preston Lions could still find itself relegated, despite having seemed more than safe for a number of weeks. However for that to happen, it would need to lose to Brimbank, with South Melbourne winning and Eastern Lions avoiding defeat, so Preston can still consider itself

fairly safe from an immediate return to State League One. South Melbourne staved off the danger of relegation for another week, with a 1-0 victory over fellow contender Eastern Lions at Bob Jane Stadium on Sunday. The win, South's fourth of the season, lifted it to thirteen points, still in the relegation zone, but now just two points behind Eastern Lions. One of the two sides will fill the last remaining relegation spot, depending on results next weekend. The game proved a tight affair, with a single second half strike proving the difference between the two. Eastern Lions has found itself pulled into the battle to avoid the drop, thanks to a disappointing second half of the season, in which it has failed to record any victories.

Eltham North pulled off the surprise result of the round, if not the season, as it defeated finals contender Keilor Park at Partington Flats on Sunday. The triumph, Eltham's second in succession, guarantees its WPL status for another season, and propels it up the table to eighth. The game was evenly balanced at the interval, with both sides having scored once, but it was the home side that was able to capitalise in the second half, scoring twice to Keilor's once, to inflict Keilor's seventh defeat of the season. The victory means Eltham avoids the potential relegation showdown with South next Sunday, and can go into the game knowing the result will have no effect on it. Despite the defeat, Keilor remains in fifth position, and should still have no problem making the finals, but it missed the opportunity to secure its place this weekend.

Ashburton asserted its authority over Heidelberg United for the second time this season, as the second and third placed

sides on the ladder met at Ashburton Park on Sunday. The win allows Ashburton to climb back to the top of the ladder, overtaking Box Hill which does not play until Tuesday evening. Ashburton took a 3-2 lead into the half-time break, and outscored Heidelberg by two goals to one in the second period to record a 5-3 victory. The victory guarantees Ashburton a top two finish, and Heidelberg will now definitely finish third on the ladder.

Before next weekend's final round gets underway, there is a double-header of WPL action on Tuesday night at Darebin International Sports Centre, when Box Hill Inter takes on Sandringham, and Cranbourne Comets meets Keilor Park. Sandringham must win in order to keep its chances of making the finals alive.

Round 22 begins with Brimbank playing its final WPL match before relegation when it travels to BT Connor Reserve to meet Preston Lions. Cranbourne Comets and Sandringham clash at Comets Stadium, in a match that could still affect finals positions, as could the game between Keilor Park and Ashburton at Keilor Park Reserve. Relegation will be determined from the results of the matches between Box Hill Inter and Eastern Lions at Wembley Park, and South Melbourne and Eltham at Bob Jane Stadium. Heidelberg United ends the regular season with the long trip to Strathfieldsaye Sports Complex to meet Bendigo Vipers. All matches in the WPL next weekend take place at 3pm on Sunday.

By Niki Cook

Photo by John Punshon



ROUND TWENTY-TWO FIXTURES

PRESTON LIONS

BRIMBANK

BT Connor Reserve

Reservoir Mel: 18 B2

Sunday 27th August

KO 3PM

CRANBOURNE COMETS

SANDRINGHAM

Comets Stadium

Cranbourne Mel: 133 G6

Sunday 27th August

KO 3PM

BOX HILL INTER

EASTERN LIONS

Wembley Park

Box Hill Mel: 81 F1

Sunday 27th August

KO 3PM

SOUTH MELBOURNE

EASTERN LIONS

Bob Jane Stadium

Albert Park Mel: 2K F6

Sunday 27th August

KO 3PM

KEILOR PARK

ASHBURTON

Keilor Park

Keilor Mel: 15 B8

Sunday 27th August

KO 3PM

BENDIGO VIPERS

HEIDELBERG UTD

Strathfieldsaye Sport Complex

Bendigo

Sunday 27th August

KO 3PM

Women's Premier League SENIORS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	T
Ashburton	21	18	2	1	89	15	56	
Box Hill Inter	20	18	1	1	70	8	55	
Heidelberg United	21	16	1	4	86	24	49	
Cranbourne Comets WSC	20	11	4	5	54	18	37	
Keilor Park WSC	20	12	1	7	68	45	37	
Sandringham	20	9	5	6	36	22	32	
Bendigo Vipers WSC	21	10	1	10	48	37	31	
Eltham North	21	5	2	14	17	59	17	
Preston Lions	21	5	1	15	16	67	16	
Eastern Lions	21	4	3	14	15	41	15	
South Melbourne	21	4	1	16	24	77	13	
Brimbank WSC	21	0	2	19	8	118	2	

Brimbank 1 (N Vukovic)
Cranbourne Comets 9 (R Lamb, B Powell, M Atherton, I Cloke, S Fitzgerald 5) (HT: 0-7).

Bendigo Vipers 6 (P Conder, K Moller 3, A Skvarc, L Skvarc)
Preston Lions 0 (HT: 3-0).

South Melbourne 1 (L Hodgkin)
Eastern Lions 0 (HT: 0-0).

Ashburton 5 (A Totsidis 2, S Erenli, A Gibney 2)
Heidelberg United 3 (R Mankowska, J Maza, E Minde) (HT: 3-2)

Eltham North 3 (D Nicaski, N Paul 2)
Keilor Park 2 (M Camilleri, K Nicolaci) (HT: 1-1).

Sandringham
Box Hill Inter (HT: -)

Women's Premier League Reservers

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	T
Ashburton	21	20	1	0	116	11	61	
Sandringham	21	18	0	3	96	15	54	
Bendigo Vipers WSC	21	15	1	5	74	22	46	
Cranbourne Comets WSC	21	15	1	5	46	20	46	
Keilor Park WSC	21	10	3	8	57	40	33	
Box Hill Inter	21	10	2	9	54	30	32	
Heidelberg United	21	7	4	10	36	38	25	
Eltham North	21	6	6	9	40	44	24	
Eastern Lions	21	6	4	11	27	42	22	
South Melbourne	21	3	4	14	32	61	13	
Preston Lions	21	1	4	16	13	86	7	
Brimbank WSC	21	0	0	21	2	184	0	

Brimbank 0
Cranbourne Comets 3,

Bendigo Vipers 4
Preston Lions 0,

Sandringham 2
Box Hill Inter 0,

South Melbourne 2
Eastern Lions 1,

Ashburton 3
Heidelberg United 0,

Eltham North 0
Keilor Park 4

Melbourne Victory is out for respect as the A-League's

BIG KICK-OFF

Finally Arrives...

Melbourne Victory has completed its preparations for the new season with an important one-nil win against a gritty Perth Glory outfit last Friday night at Olympic Park. Although Danny Allsopp was rested for a majority of the game to avoid risking suspension, his height and presence in the air troubled the Glory defence for the last half hour to the point that he rose high and nodded home Adrian Caceres' cross for the winner. Archie Thompson also saw limited game time, and Rodrigo Vargas was rested to avoid an unnecessary yellow card that would rule him out for the opener against Adelaide United on Friday night.

With just four days remaining to the start of the 2006/7 Hyundai A-League season, **John Bonacci** caught up with several Victory stalwarts to discuss the year ahead.

Last season, Victory coach Ernie Merrick stated from the outset that he was building a young team that would challenge for the A-League title for the seasons ahead. Despite leading the competition after a 5-0 demolition of Sydney, arguably the greatest day in the club's history since its inception, Victory missed the finals after a lacklustre second-last-place finish.

This season, Merrick has brought in six new faces to complement the best of last season's squad – including three Brazilians (Alessandro, Claudinho and Fred), Perth's Adrian Caceres, Scotsman Grant Brebner and Green Gully's Rodrigo Vargas. Along with current Socceroos, Archie Thompson, Kristian Sarkies and captain, Kevin Muscat, Merrick is expected to guide his impressive squad to the top four and secure a finals berth in the club's second season.

After the last of three impressive preseason results, Merrick is looking forward to the challenge of playing Adelaide as the start of the league beckons. "Two home wins in the last two, no goals against and lots of chances. Those were the sort of games we throw away last season. The best eleven will start (against Adelaide) and we have lots of selection headaches. It is a fantastic situation for us. There is enormous competition for places, which is very healthy for the club."

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– Ernie Merrick

"We've played about sixteen or seventeen games, and everyone had lots of game time. I think we're peaking at the right time with three wins. We've got a full list of 20 players available for the game for the first time ever. The crowd and members are looking forward to a great clash next week, and we're certainly looking forward to it and we're ready for it," added Merrick.

The second half of the preseason has seen Merrick experiment with a new defensive combination, which has seen Rodrigo Vargas step up from the Vodafone Cup with ease and poise. Last season's Premier League media player of the year has marshalled an often back three, recently including Daniel Piorkowski and Adrian Leijer. To complement the back three, Merrick had adopted a wing-back system featuring excitement-machine, Alessandro on the left, and Simon Storey on the right. Storey, used in recent years on the left side of the defence, has adapted well to his new role with an impressive performance against Queensland last week, where he was unfortunate to not score after sending his first half strike crashing into the crossbar.



After the signing of three new Brazilians, Victory's forgotten foreigner, Geoffrey Claeys, has seen very limited game time in the preseason. The consummate professional has vowed to keep up his fight for a first team berth in a squad featuring such a talented defence. "It's been hard. All it matters is to get games and do well for the club and for the members. My time playing is limited, but all you can do is stay focussed on the job, work hard, and give my experience to players who play now in my position."

"We (Ernie and I) had a conversation with each other and he said to me that he wants to play young Australians, and get them into the team for the future. That's his decision, and no matter if I like it or not, I have to accept it and move on," said the former Belgian international.

Mark Byrnes, another of Victory's experienced central defenders, has missed the last couple of preseason matches with injury but is pleased with his progress. "I have played in most of the games except for the last few because of injury. I feel good now and should be ok for next week depending on the formation we play. Everyone with a defensive role is a good player, so there is a lot of competition there, which is always good for the squad."

"The team is coming together well and getting used to each other. I think we'll get some good results this season. We'll go into the Adelaide game just like any other, by making sure we're all fit and healthy. It all comes down to competitive games, and anything can happen in the league," said the former Perth defender.

The most significant change to the Victory midfield for the 2006/7 season is the central pairing of newcomer Grant Brebner and Socceroo captain, Kevin Muscat. Muscat, who has switched from his customary role in

the back four, has enjoyed his new role with a call-up to the Socceroos, and a subsequent naming as captain for the Asian Cup qualifier against Kuwait last week. The two have controlled the centre of the park for several of Victory's preseason matches, with Brebner putting in a man of the match performance against Perth last Friday.

Brebner, who stood in as captain against Perth, has settled in well with the group and looks forward to a competitive season ahead. "The standard is high, and on our day we shouldn't fear anybody. We need to show teams respect, but we can beat them. The game is quick, similar to back home. The lifestyle is similar here to back home and the lads have welcomed me. I think with six new players in any team, it's going to take a bit of time."

"With the preseason cup, we ultimately set out to win it, but when that was gone, our main objective was to get as many wins and get the team gelling as much as possible. There are a lot of combinations working well together and the back three has been magnificent in the last three games," said Brebner.

Another battle we can expect this season is that of Kristian Sarkies and Fred vying for the responsibility of supporting the striking duo in the attacking midfield position. Fred has seen more game time in the preseason, but Sarkies has matured considerably in the last few months after being involved in the Socceroos' overseas and local training camps, and spending time with the Socceroos on their World Cup tour.

Michael Ferrante, one of Victory's regulars in the 2005/6 season, has struggled with a groin injury in recent weeks and is expecting a tough battle to break into the starting eleven after missing several matches. "The preseason has been a little disappointing on a personal note, and it's been really hard being out with a niggling groin inju-

ry. It's hard being frozen out due to injury, but I'll work hard and do some extra training to break into the team again. We're all looking forward to the Adelaide game and hopefully I can get through a good week of training and put some pressure on Ernie to be up for selection."

"This season we have more individual flair in the team, which will be exciting for the fans. Danny (Allsopp) is in a rich vein of form, and hopefully this season we can put the ball in the back of the net after an unlucky season last year. I'm hoping that Danny can score a lot of goals."

"Danny (Allsopp) is in a rich vein of form, and hopefully this season we can put the ball in the back of the net after an unlucky season last year." – Michael Ferrante

for us this season, because he's done everything right in the preseason," said the former West Ham youth team captain.

Despite netting just three goals in the 2005/6 season, Danny Allsopp was one of Victory's hardest working players throughout the campaign. Often sacrificed by being man-marked by one or two of the opposition's best and strongest defenders, Allsopp is an unselfish forward who constantly brings others into play. So far, Allsopp has played an integral part in Victory's fifth-placed preseason finish, having scored three times, including the equaliser against Perth (in Perth), one of the three against Newcastle, and the winner on Friday night.

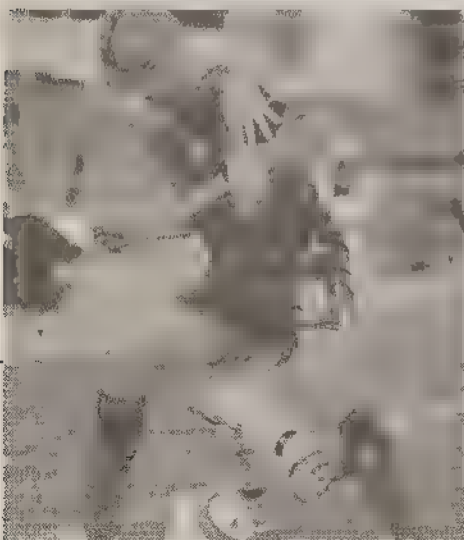
The big striker is looking forward to the season ahead and hopefully unlocking the Adelaide defence for the first time in eight games. "I think we'll probably do the normal sort of things in training this week, but we'll be fired up to turn things around. I'm really pleased with the preseason and I'm in good shape. I hope I can carry it on now into the season. I think Fred and Grant have done really well since they arrived, and they have helped me a lot with great service."

Working along side Allsopp this season are Archie Thompson, fresh from his World Cup campaign in which he was unfortunate to not see game time, and Claudinho. The latter combined well with Fred against Perth on Friday night, but rarely threatened Aleks Vreski in Perth's goal. Thompson, who finished last season as equal top scorer despite missing seven games, came on as a sub, and as per usual the lively striker wreaked havoc for the Glory defence without troubling the scorers.

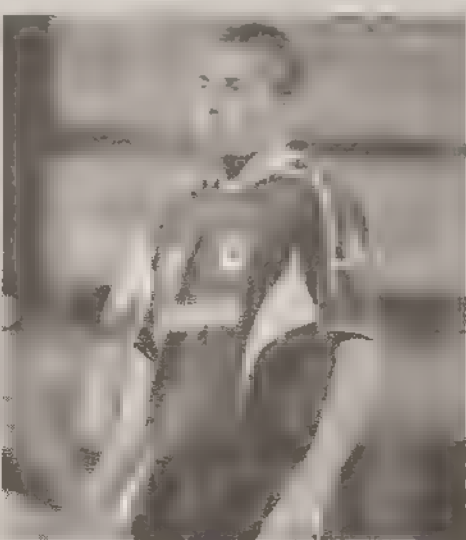
Victory's season opener is against Adelaide United at Olympic Park on Friday night. Kick off is at 8pm.

Brazilian trio: Alessandro, Fred and Claudinho will join Rodrigo Vargas, Grant Brebner and Adrian Caceres as Melbourne boosts its chances for season.

Monday 21 August



Alessandro



Fred



Claudinho

MELBOURNE VICTORY FC

Finishing last season as the worst ranked side of the Australian based clubs, the on-field performance of Melbourne Victory during its inaugural season in the A-League will undoubtedly be considered a failure.

Following the teams 5-0 trouncing of eventual premiers, Ernie Merrick's side sat atop the table and was considered favourite's for the inaugural A-League competition.

However, a complete form reversal, combined with the exposure of Melbourne's lack of midfield depth and the inexplicable omission of wunderkind Kristian Sarkies, who was the leading provider of goal assists, in the subsequent match proved to be the catalyst for the team's on-field demise.

As Victory's finals aspirations spiralled into oblivion, supporters throughout Victoria laid the blame on head coach Merrick, questioning his competency as a manager despite the former VIS coach's stance as the most highly credentialed trainer in the nation.

But while the side floundered on the park, Melbourne thrived off it as fans turned up to matches in droves and signed up for a record number of club memberships.

Often maligned as a football venue, Olympic Park proved to be the competition's most dynamic venue, with the terraces alive in scenes which have never been seen on such a regular basis in Australian football.

Though Merrick's tactical nous is often doubted, the Victory 'gaffer' has an unmatched eye for talent and has embarked on the most impressive recruitment campaign in the A-League.

Having lacked width throughout the preceding season, the club secured the signature of Argentinean-born winger Adrian Caceres to fill the void on the left hand side of the park.

Capable of tormenting opposing full backs with his speed and skill, the ex-Perth Glory player is sure to be a valuable acquisition for the club, while former Melbourne Knights defender Roddy Vargas was recruited to provide cover in defence.

The side also signed former Dundee United midfielder Grant Brebner in a bid to rectify the club's lack of midfield depth, but it has been the signings of its Brazilian trio which has left supporters in a state of jubilation and opposing clubs in awe.

Although former Atletico Paranaense player Claudinho has struggled to settle into his new surroundings as

of yet, attacking midfielder Fred and flamboyant left back Alessandro have shown signs that they will be among the league's elite.

Second top scorer in Brazil's Minas Gerais State Championship, Fred's incisive runs from deep are sure to excite as he links up with attackers Archie Thompson and Danny Allsopp, while Alessandro's trickery on the flank will prove troublesome to the majority of the competition, as evidenced in his much belated debut against the Central Coast.

In the inaugural A-League season, the Melbourne's strength laid in its steady defence, as the likes of Adrian Leyer and former Belgian international Geoffery Claeys proved stern opposition to side's around the league.

The club had the second best defensive record in the league last time around and the addition of Roddy Vargas and Alessandro provides more depth and attacking intent from deep, improving the team's outlook.

Though Brebner's inclusion will prove beneficial to the side, the midfield will perhaps still prove to be Melbourne's achilles heel.

Compared to the midfield of clubs such as Adelaide, Victory's midfielders may perhaps lack the passing range and the vision of their rivals, although Merrick's preference to field two defensive midfielders may negate this weakness.

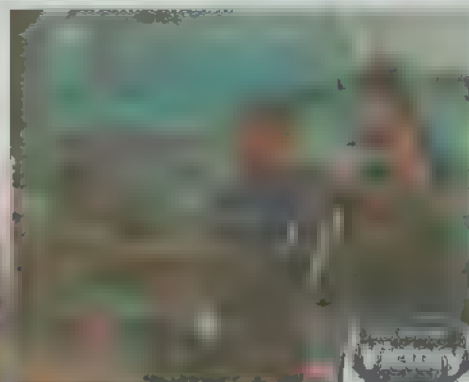
Having assembled the most cosmopolitan squad in the league, the Victory should challenge for the A-League title and anything other than a finals appearance will see the campaign dismissed as a failure.

By Simon Chiarelli
Photo by Daniel Ellis



Brazilian newboy
Fred on the ball for
Melbourne

Karate chop! Archie
(above right) is at it
again as the Victory
seek to gain some
respect



Ins & Outs

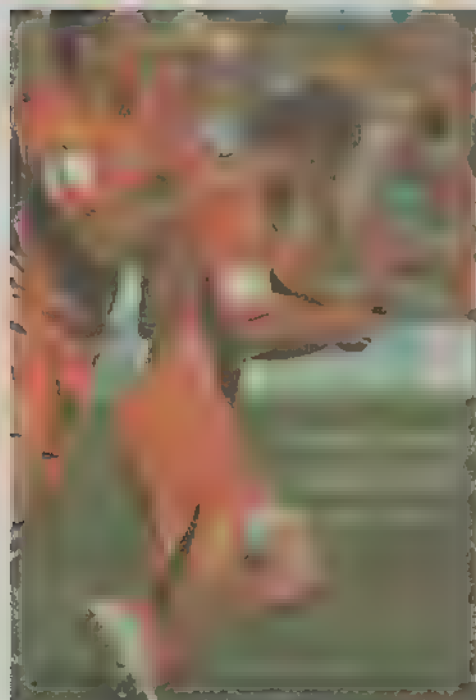
Major Gains: Helo
(Fred) (Tupã, Brazil)
Claudio Assis (Claudinho)
Stico Parani

Grant Brebner
(Dundee United)

Rodrigue

Major Losses:
Richard Kitzbichler
(Salzburg, Austria)
Other Lo:
Andy Viano
Carl Recchia (r)
Chris Todor

ADELAIDE UNITED



After making a big impact on debut in the final NSL season, Adelaide United were surprisingly under-rated by many for the inaugural A-League season. Sydney FC, Newcastle Jets and Melbourne Victory may have had more glamour, but the Minor Premiership of the inaugural A-League season headed to South Australia by a comfortable seven points. Then came the disappointment of the finals campaign, which

saw United bow out without even reaching the Grand Final. What does 2006/2007 hold in store for the boys from Hindmarsh Stadium?

Going on form through the Pre Season Cup, for which Adelaide have reached the final, expect more of the same from the Reds in A-League Year Two. With only minor changes to the squad, the most critical off-season news was the re-signing of marquee striker Shengqing Qu. After some deliberation, the Chinese import returned to the club last month. Further attacking threat has been added with the signing of much travelled Dutch winger Bobby Petta. The former Feyenoord, Celtic and Bradford player has UEFA Champions League experience, and there is no reason to believe that Adelaide will not be amongst the top of the league at season's end.

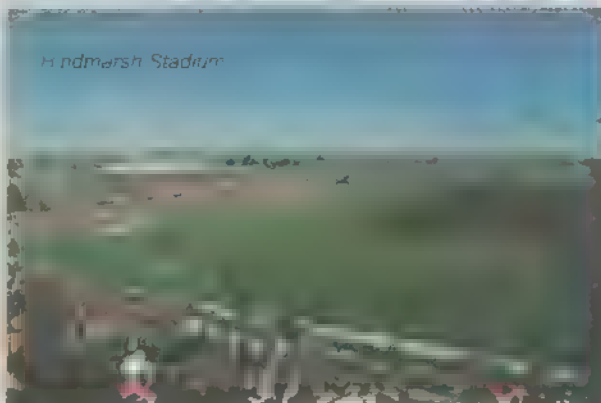
The Adelaide outfit certainly do not lack in experience, with Ross Aloisi, Carl Veart, Angelo Costanzo all harking back to some glory days for Adelaide City in the NSL. Fernando Rech is also a former NSL Player of the Year with Brisbane Strikers. Central defender Mike Valkanis saw reward for his stellar season in 2005/06 by being named in the Australian squad for the Asian Cup Qualifier against Kuwait, along with midfielder Travis Dodd.

Coach John Kosmina has also earned recognition for his efforts at Adelaide, joining the Australian national team set-up as an assistant to Graham Arnold. He will be hoping that the experience gained from last

season's finals capitulation will stand them in better stead this year.

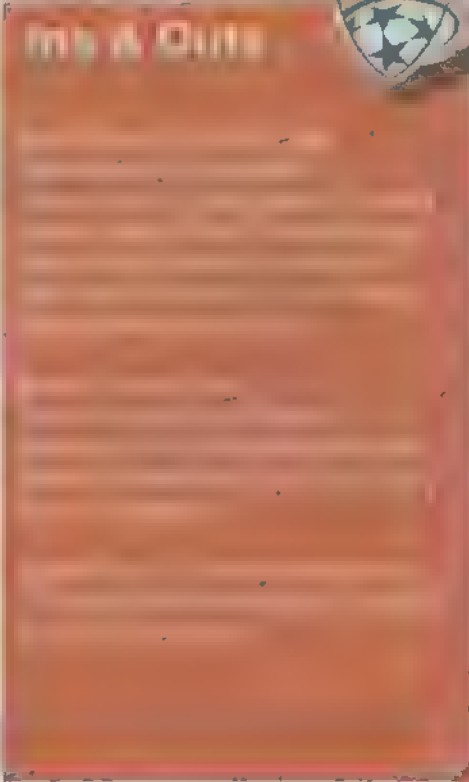
For Adelaide it is not likely to be a matter of will they make the finals, more how well will they perform in them. In the club's first ever season, the 2004/2004 NSL, the newly assembled side finished third on the table. They then scraped past Brisbane Strikers on away goals in the Elimination Final and won a heated Minor Semi-Final against South Melbourne before being thumped by Perth Glory 5-0 in the Preliminary Final.

After coasting to last year's Minor Premiership, United saw the wheels fall off during the finals. A home 2-2 draw against Sydney FC was followed by a 2-1 loss at Aussie Stadium, leading to a Preliminary Final at home to Central Coast Mariners. Having headed the table for most of the season, and been beaten by the odd goal over two legs in the First Semi-Final, a single goal from Tom Pondel-



jak and some great keeping from Danny Vuckovic meant Adelaide would not get the chance to step onto the A-League's biggest stage and missed the Grand Final.

By Mark Boric

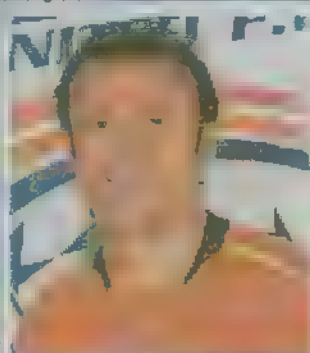


THE MAIN MEN

FERNANDO RECH



A-LEAGUE SE



DOB: Mar 13, 1974
Place of birth: Caxias do Sul (Brazil)
Nationality: Brazilian
Weight: 86 kg
Height: 184 cm
Position: Attacking Midfielder

Previous Clubs: 1994 Juventude (Brazil), 1995 Olaria Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), 1995 Guarani Venancio Aires (Brazil), 1996 Juventude (Brazil), 1997 Palmeiras Sao Paulo (Brazil), 1997 Yokohama Marinos (Japan), 1998 Internacional (Brazil), 1999 Juventude (Brazil), 2000-2003 Brisbane Strikers (Australia), 2003-2004 Parramatta Power (Australia), 2004-2005 Esportivo (Brazil)

ROUND 1

Fri 25 Aug 06
Melbourne Victory FC vs Adelaide United FC
Olympic Park 8.00 pm

Sat 26 Aug 06
Queensland Roar FC vs Perth Glory FC
Suncorp Stadium 7.00 pm

Sun 27 Aug 06
New Zealand Knights FC vs Newcastle Jets FC
North Harbour Stadium 3.00 pm
Sydney FC vs Central Coast Mariners FC
Aussie Stadium 5.00 pm

ROUND 2

Fri 1 Sep 06
Newcastle Jets FC vs Queensland Roar FC
Energy Australia Stadium 8.00 pm

Sat 2 Sep 06
New Zealand Knights FC vs Adelaide United FC
North Harbour Stadium 10.30 am
Melbourne Victory FC vs Sydney FC
Telstra Dome 7.00 pm

Sun 3 Sep 06
Perth Glory FC vs Central Coast Mariners FC
Members Equity Stadium 5.00 pm

ROUND 3

Fri 8 Sep 06
Adelaide United FC vs Newcastle Jets FC
Hindmarsh Stadium 8.00 pm

Sat 9 Sep 06
Central Coast Mariners vs Queensland Roar
Central Coast Stadium 7.00 pm

Sun 10 Sep 06
New Zealand Knights FC vs Melbourne Victory FC
North Harbour Stadium 10.30 am
Perth Glory FC vs Sydney FC
Members Equity Stadium 3.10 pm 5.00 pm

ROUND 4

Fri 15 Sep 06
Queensland Roar vs New Zealand Knights
Suncorp Stadium 8.00 pm

Sat 16 Sep 06
Adelaide United FC vs Perth Glory FC
Hindmarsh Stadium 7.00 pm

Sun 17 Sep 06
Sydney FC vs Newcastle Jets FC
Aussie Stadium 5.00 pm
Melbourne Victory FC vs CC Mariners FC
Olympic Park 5.00 pm

ROUND 5

Thu 21 Sep 06
New Zealand Knights FC vs Sydney FC
North Harbour Stadium 6.00 pm

Fri 22 Sep 06
Queensland Roar FC vs Adelaide United FC
Suncorp Stadium 8.00 pm

Sat 23 Sep 06
Central Coast Mariners FC vs Newcastle Jets FC
Central Coast Stadium 7.00 pm

Sun 24 Sep 06
Perth Glory FC vs Melbourne Victory FC
Members Equity Stadium 5.00 pm

ROUND 6

Thu 28 Sep 06
New Zealand Knights vs Central Coast Mariners
North Harbour Stadium 6.00 pm

Fri 29 Sep 06
Newcastle Jets FC vs Perth Glory FC
Energy Australia Stadium 8.00 pm

Sun 1 Oct 06
Melbourne Victory FC vs Queensland Roar FC
Olympic Park 5.00 pm
Mon 2 Oct 06
Adelaide United FC vs Sydney FC
Hindmarsh Stadium 5.00 pm

ROUND 7

Fri 6 Oct 06
Adelaide United FC vs Central Coast Mariners
Hindmarsh Stadium 8.00 pm
Perth Glory FC vs New Zealand Knights FC
Members Equity Stadium 10.00 pm

Sun 8 Oct 06
Sydney FC vs Queensland Roar FC
Aussie Stadium 3.00 pm 5.00 pm
Newcastle Jets FC vs Melbourne Victory FC
Energy Australia Stadium 5.00 pm 5.00 pm

ROUND 8

Fri 13 Oct 06
Central Coast Mariners FC vs Sydney FC
Central Coast Stadium 8.00 pm

Sat 14 Oct 06
Newcastle Jets FC vs New Zealand Knights FC
Energy Australia Stadium 7.00 pm

Sun 15 Oct 06
Melbourne Victory FC vs Adelaide United FC
Olympic Park 5.00 pm
Perth Glory FC vs Queensland Roar FC
Members Equity Stadium 7.00 pm

ROUND 9

Fri 20 Oct 06
Central Coast Mariners FC vs Perth Glory FC
Central Coast Stadium 8.00 pm

Sat 21 Oct 06
Sydney FC vs Melbourne Victory FC
Aussie Stadium 7.00 pm

Sun 22 Oct 06
Queensland Roar FC vs Melbourne Victory FC
Suncorp Stadium 5.00 pm
Adelaide United FC vs Newcastle Jets FC
Hindmarsh Stadium 7.00 pm

ROUND 10

Fri 27 Oct 06
New Zealand Knights FC vs Newcastle Jets FC
North Harbour Stadium 5.00 pm
Newcastle Jets FC vs Adelaide United FC
Energy Australia Stadium 7.00 pm

Sat 28 Oct 06
Central Coast Mariners vs Newcastle Jets FC
Central Coast Stadium 7.00 pm

Sun 29 Oct 06
Sydney FC vs Perth Glory FC
Aussie Stadium 5.00 pm

ROUND 11

Fri 3 Nov 06
Melbourne Victory vs Central Coast Mariners
Olympic Park 8.00 pm

Sat 4 Nov 06
Newcastle Jets FC vs Sydney FC
Energy Australia Stadium 7.00 pm

Sun 5 Nov 06
New Zealand Knights FC vs Newcastle Jets FC
North Harbour Stadium 3.00 pm
Adelaide United FC vs Perth Glory FC
Hindmarsh Stadium 5.00 pm

ROUND 12

Thu 9 Nov 06
Melbourne Victory FC vs Sydney FC
Olympic Park 8.00 pm

Fri 10 Nov 06
Sydney FC vs New Zealand Knights FC
Aussie Stadium 8.00 pm

Sat 11 Nov 06
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Suncorp Stadium 8.00 pm

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Energy Australia Stadium 7.00 pm

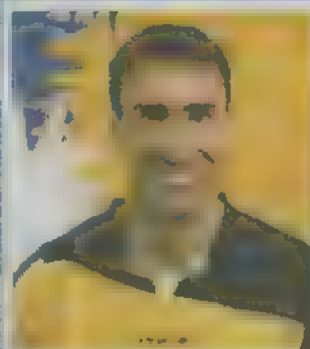
ROUND 13

Fri 17 Nov 06
Queensland Roar FC vs Melbourne Victory FC
Suncorp Stadium 8.00 pm

Sat 18 Nov 06
Perth Glory FC vs Newcastle Jets FC
Members Equity Stadium 7.00 pm

Sun 19 Nov 06
New Zealand Knights vs Sydney FC

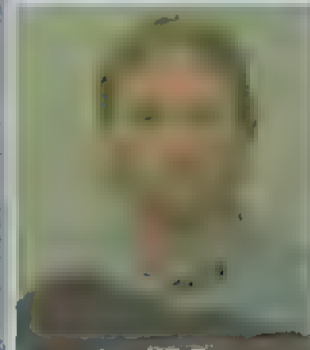
TONY VIDMAR



DOB: Jul 4, 1970
Place of birth: Adelaide, Australia
Nationality: Australian
Weight: 80 kg
Height: 187 cm
Position: Central Defender

Previous Clubs: 1989-1995 Adelaide City, 1993 Germinal Ekeren (Belgium), 1995-97, 2005-06 NAC Breda (Netherlands), 1997-2002 Rangers (Scotland), 2002-03 Middlesbrough (England), 2003-05 Cardiff City (Wales)

SCOT GEMMIL



DOB: Jan 2, 1971
Place of birth: Scotland
Nationality: Scottish
Weight: 70 kg
Height: 176 cm
Position: Central Midfielder

Previous Clubs: Nottingham Forest, Everton FC, Leicester FC
NB, Former Scottish international with 27 caps for Scotland, including World Cup finals squad.

PAUL OKON



DOB: Apr 5, 1972
Place of birth: Sydney
Nationality: Australian
Weight: 75 kg
Height: 177 cm
Position: Central Defender

Previous Clubs: FC Brugge '91-'96, SS Lazio '96-'99, Fiorentina '99-2000, Middlesbrough '00-'02, Watford '02, Leeds United '02-'03

John Kennen

Mark Bligh

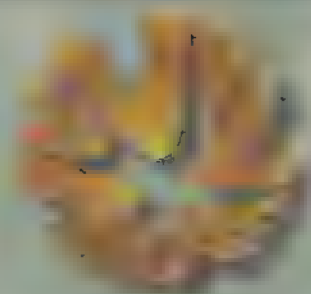
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THE MAIN MEN

ARCHIE THOMPSON



DOB: Oct 23, 1978

Place of Birth:

New Zealand

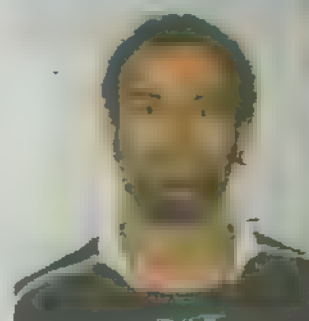
Nationality

Australian

Weight: 70 kg

Height: 174 cm

Position: Striker



Previous Clubs: 1995-96 Bathurst (NSW), 1996-99 Morwell Falcons, 1999-2000 Carlton, 2001 Marconi Stallions, 2001-05 Liere (Belgium)

STAN LAZARIDIS



DOB: Aug 16, 1972

Place of birth:

Perth

Nationality:

Australia

Weight: 75 kg

Height: 175 cm

Position:

Left Full Back



Previous Clubs: 1981 Floreat Athena, 1982-85 West Adelaide, 1985-89 West Ham United, 1989-96

ANTE-MILICIC



DOB: Apr 4, 1974

Place of birth:

Sydney, NSW

Nationality

Australian

Weight: 77 kg

Height: 183 cm

Position: Striker



Previous Clubs: 1992-97 Sydney United (NSW), 1997-2000 NAC Breda (Netherlands), 2000/01 Rijeka (Croatia), 01/02 Sydney United (NSW), 02/03 Sydney Olympic (NSW), 03/04 Parramatta Power (NSW), 04/05 Pahang FC (Malaysia), 05/06 Newcastle United Jets

DWIGHT YORKE



DOB: Nov 3, 1971

Place of birth:

Tobago

Nationality:

Trinidad & Tobago

Weight: 79 kg

Height: 179 cm

Position: Striker



Previous Clubs: 1989/98 Aston Villa, 1998/2002 Manchester United, 2002/04 Blackburn Rovers, 2004/05 Birmingham City, NB. Represented Trinidad and Tobago in this year's World Cup, their first ever appearance

North Harbour Stadium 3:00 pm
Sydney FC vs Adelaide United FC
Aussie Stadium 5:00 pm 5:00 pm

ROUND 14

Fri 24 Nov 06

Sydney FC vs Queensland Roar FC
Aussie Stadium 8:00 pm

Sat 25 Nov 06

Central Coast Mariners FC vs Adelaide United FC
Central Coast Stadium 7:00 pm

Sun 26 Nov 06

Melbourne Victory FC vs Newcastle Jets FC
Olympic Park 5:00 pm
Perth Glory FC vs New Zealand Knights FC
Members Equity Stadium 7:00 pm

ROUND 15

Fri 1 Dec 06

Adelaide United FC vs Melbourne Victory FC
Hindmarsh Stadium 8:00 pm

Sat 2 Dec 06

Queensland Roar FC vs Perth Glory FC
Suncorp Stadium 8:00 pm

Sun 3 Dec 06

New Zealand Knights FC vs Newcastle Jets FC
North Harbour Stadium 3:00 pm
Central Coast Mariners FC vs Sydney FC
Central Coast Stadium 5:00 pm

ROUND 16

Thu 7 Dec 06

Queensland Roar FC vs Newcastle Jets FC
Suncorp Stadium 8:00 pm

Fri 8 Dec 06

Melbourne Victory FC vs Sydney FC
Olympic Park 8:00 pm

Sun 10 Dec 06

Central Coast Mariners FC vs Perth Glory FC
Central Coast Stadium 5:00 pm 5:00 pm
Adelaide United FC vs New Zealand Knights FC
Hindmarsh Stadium 6:30 pm 7:00 pm

ROUND 17

Thu 14 Dec 06

Sydney FC vs Perth Glory FC
Aussie Stadium 8:00 pm

Fri 15 Dec 06

Adelaide United FC vs Newcastle Jets FC
Hindmarsh Stadium 8:00 pm

Sat 16 Dec 06

Queensland Roar vs Central Coast Mariners FC
Suncorp Stadium 8:00 pm

Sun 17 Dec 06

Melbourne Victory vs New Zealand Knights

Olympic Park 7:00 pm

ROUND 18

Thu 28 Dec 06

Perth Glory FC vs Adelaide United FC
Members Equity Stadium 10:00 pm

Fri 29 Dec 06

New Zealand Knights FC vs Queensland Roar FC
North Harbour Stadium 6:00 pm

Sun 31 Dec 06

Central Coast Mariners vs Melbourne Victory
Central Coast Stadium 6:00 pm

Mon 1 Jan 07

Newcastle Jets FC vs Sydney FC
Energy Australia Stadium 6:00 pm

ROUND 19

Thu 4 Jan 07

Adelaide United FC vs Queensland Roar FC
Hindmarsh Stadium 8:00 pm

Fri 5 Jan 07

Newcastle Jets FC vs Central Coast Mariners FC
Energy Australia Stadium 8:00 pm

Sun 7 Jan 07

Sydney FC vs New Zealand Knights FC
Aussie Stadium 7:00 pm
Perth Glory FC vs Melbourne Victory FC
Members Equity Stadium 9:00 pm

ROUND 20

Thu 11 Jan 07

Central Coast Mariners FC vs New Zealand Knights FC
Central Coast Stadium 8:00 pm

Fri 12 Jan 07

Melbourne Victory FC vs Queensland Roar FC
Olympic Park 8:00 pm

Sun 14 Jan 07

Adelaide United FC vs Sydney FC
Hindmarsh Stadium 7:00 pm
Perth Glory FC vs Newcastle Jets FC
Members Equity Stadium 9:00 pm

ROUND 21

Fri 19 Jan 07

Newcastle Jets FC vs Melbourne Victory FC
Energy Australia Stadium 8:00 pm

Sat 20 Jan 07

Queensland Roar FC vs Sydney FC
Suncorp Stadium 8:00 pm

Sun 21 Jan 07

New Zealand Knights FC vs Perth Glory FC
North Harbour Stadium 5:00 pm
Central Coast Mariners FC vs Adelaide United FC
Central Coast Stadium 7:00 pm

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Ernie Merrick

Ron Smith

Terry Butcher



DOB: Nov 3, 1971

Place of birth:

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Nationality:

Trinidad & Tobago

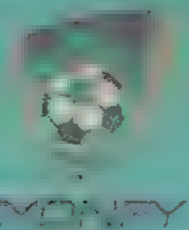
Weight: 79 kg

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SYDNEY FC

They say it is Sydney FC, the "Bling-Bling" outfit of the Hyundai A League and the inaugural Champions leads into the second year of the competition as deserved favorites to win the Championship for a second time in a row.

New coach Terry Butcher will be hoping to continue the first year success of German coach and World Cup winner Pierre Littbarski, who parted company with "The Bling" at the end of last season, after lead-

ing them to domestic honours and an admirable appearance in the World Club Championship.

Butcher comes into the Hyundai A League with a good coaching record with Scottish Premier League side Motherwell, in 4 years with Motherwell he managed to take the under achieving side to the Scottish League Cup Final in 2005 and considering the power of the Celtic and Rangers it was a tremendous effort.

The former England international was two years into a four-year contract at Motherwell so the decision to come to coach "The Bling" was a big one and shows that after just one season the reputation of the A-league is strong enough at this early stage for the former centre-half to venture 12,000 miles across the world.

The new signings Sydney has made so far during the off season will give its fans plenty of hope for the upcoming season. Marquee player Dwight Yorke is back again to lead the line as an instrumental figure on the field as captain and as the club's main marketing tool. As well as securing the return of Yorke, who represented Trinidad & Tobago in the recent World Cup in Germany, Sydney has acquired the services of promising youngster Jeremy Brockie from the New Zealand Knights along with one of the most exciting players in the A-league last year, Alex Brosque, who made the move from across the border from the Queensland Roar.

Butcher has joined a coaching staff which includes a former rival from his old home of East Anglia, Ian Crook. Butcher made his name in England during the 80's as a no-nonsense, tough tackling, hard man for Ipswich Town, whilst Crook played 341 games for cross town rivals Norwich City, from 1986 to 1997.

Crook's experience and familiarity of the local scene will provide the new coach with invaluable knowledge of A-league as the country's flagship

franchise attempts to replicate last season's fairytale beginning to Australian football's new dawn. Together with the new faces, Sydney boasts an enviable blend one of the strongest and most experienced squads in the country. The firepower of David Carney and Sash Petrovski, who impressed for the Socceroo's in the recent 2-0 Asian Cup victory against Kuwait, not to mention the experience of veterans Steve Corica, David Zdrilic, Ufuk Talay and Alvin Ceccoli, combined with the young brigade of Brockie, Mark Milligan and Jason Timpano, makes the Sydneysiders more than well equipped to defend their title.

By Paul Jefferies



It's ours! Dwight Yorke returns to Sydney after winning the inaugural A-League season last year.

Sash Petrovski (below) is hitting strapps in the lead up to the big kick-off

Ins & Outs

Major Gains

Jeremy Brockie (New Zealand Knights)
Alex Brosque (Queensland Roar)
Other Gains: Robert Zekic (left from Shamrock Rovers)
Short-term Contract: Nikola Topor Staney (Milton Adair, NSW)

Major Losses -

Andrew Parker (Queens and Roar)
Other Losses: Matthew Bingley (released), Steve Laurie (released during 05/06 season), Alejandro Salazar (released during 05/06 season)

Injured List

Jacob Timpano (Aug. 06)

QUEENSLAND ROAR



Queensland Roar will be hoping an injection of goal-scoring power will lead to an improved 2006-07 season in the A-League.

The inaugural A League season was filled with ups and downs for Queensland, which won a total of seven games and finished in sixth spot, one win outside the finals.

After a slow start, the Roar finished with three wins in the last five rounds, including wins over premier Sydney (2-1) and finalist Newcastle (5-0).

Queensland has been busy on the recruiting front in preparation for a planned climb up the ladder, intro-

ducing a long list of local and international players for the new season.

Coach Miron Bleiberg and his staff were particularly active in the market for forwards after equal league leading goal scorer Alex Brosque was lost to Sydney in the off season.

Heading the arrivals is Yuning Zhang, a Chinese star with 15 international caps to his name and a big reputation in his home country.

The 29-year old played his most recent season with Chinese club Shanghai Shenhua and is expected to line up in the forward third of the pitch.

Another overseas arrival is Simon Lynch, who arrived in the sunshine state via Scottish sides Dundee and Celtic.

After some initial delays clearing him to play, Lynch has managed to play a part in the club's preseason campaign and will be looking forward to make an impact in the premiership race.

Another striker joining the ranks is proven scorer Ante Milicic, who crossed from Newcastle in the off-season.

Milicic is a former Socceroo who scored seven goals for the Jets last season.

His former team-mate, goalkeeper Liam Reddy, is also part of the new Queensland roster after back-up keeper Scott Higgins took up an offer to play in Scotland.

The Roar also looked to the Vodafone Cup to bolster its defence, with Falkner/Whittlesea's Sasa Ognjenovski set to join skipper Chad Gibson in the centre of defence.

Queensland's beginning to the 2006-07 campaign has been indifferent, with just three draws and no wins to show for its efforts in the A-League Pre Season cup.

Defensively the Roar look sound, with only three goals conceded in the four-game period, including two in their 2-1 loss to reigning premier Sydney in the opening match of the competition.

Queensland traveled to Melbourne last week to take on Melbourne Victory, a game which it again kept a clean sheet but was defeated 4-2 in a penalty shootout.

New signings Lynch and Ognjenovski netted the only successful penalties in a positive for the side.

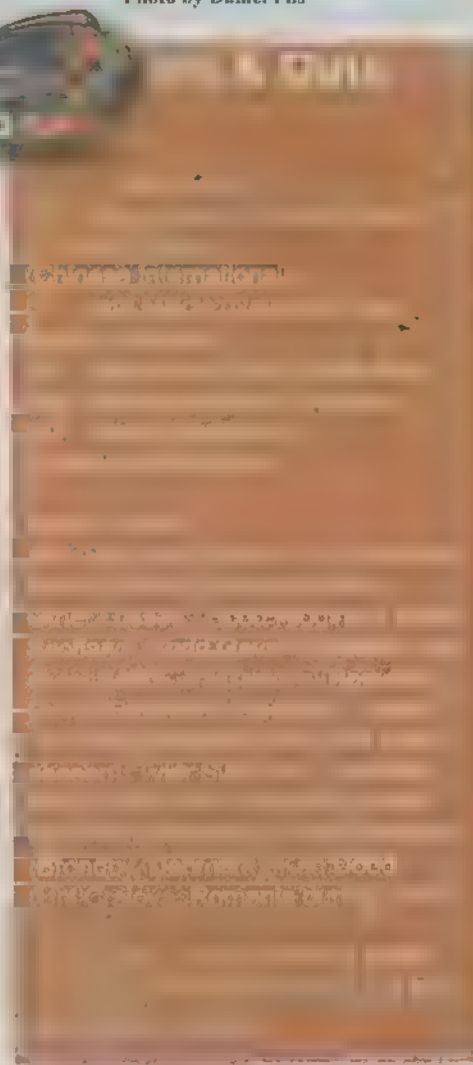
In more good news ahead of the new season, midfielder Matt McKay was named in the 18-man Australian side for the Asian Cup match against Kuwait last week.

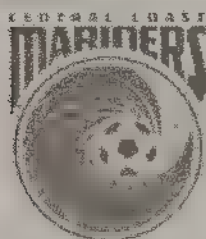
McKay was one of the shining lights for the Roar in the first A League season and represented Australia at the Youth World Championships in 2003.

Queensland begins the new season with a home game against Perth Glory at Suncorp Stadium on 26 August.

By Adrian Ceddia

Photo by Daniel Ellis





CENTRAL COAST MARINERS FC



Last season's surprise packet could well be this year's surprise packet - If that can make any sense!

With Adelaide United and Sydney FC (last season's minor premier and A-League champion respectively) the obvious favourites for a spot in finals, Melbourne Victory and Queensland Roar expected to make giant strides on the back of their glamorous signings, and high-profile coaching recruits raising optimism levels at Perth Glory and Newcastle United, the unfashionable Central Coast Mariners are again flying under the radar.

For the A-League's smallest club, the Mariners, though, have been habitual finals candidates - their encounter with Adelaide in the Pre-Season Cup decider over the weekend was the club's fourth straight Grand Final appearance in all competitions since the inception of Australia's new domestic league.

Coach Lawrie McKinna was recently quoted that "good old-fashioned football values" was the back bone of the club's extraordinary accomplishments.

There was no greater validation to that assessment than in the Coast's dismantling of the Victory at Olympic Park last month.

At the match's conclusion, McKinna expressed a lack of fanaticism towards Victory's Brazilian signings, the implied message being that a team with substance will always knock off a team with style.

"Doing nice back-heels that go to the opposition is not good football" McKinna was quoted as saying in one of Melbourne's daily newspapers.

"...you don't need Brazilians when you've got blokes like (Adam) Kwasnik."

Kwasnik, who was plucked out of the NSW Premier League, scored two goals from 19 matches last season but there is an expectation that he will have a greater impact this campaign.

He will form a dynamic strike trio with Stewart Petrie and Nick Mrdja.

Petrie finished the 2005/06 home-and-away season with an equal high eight goals while Mrdja is a virtual recruit after he missed the entire home-and-away season through injury.

To remember how good a player Mrdja was, in the 2003/04 NSL season, the striker booted 14 goals from



11 matches.

There is an abundance of talent and depth in midfield through Wayne O'Sullivan, Noel Spencer, Andre Gumprecht, John Hutchinson, Tom Pondeljak, Damien Brown, Matthew Osman and Jamie McMaster.

Of the names above only McMaster failed to register a goal (the attacking midfielder was a late season inclusion to the squad and recorded only six matches), which highlights the attacking potency of the list.

In fact, the Mariners were No.1 for goals scored last season, equal with Sydney.

If Central Coast are susceptible, it is in defence.

The departures of Dean Heffernan and Michael Beau-

champ to German clubs leave a gaping hole in central defence. The signing of former Socceroo Tony Vidmar will offset that in some way, but the Mariners will have a challenge to better their tally of 28 goals conceded from last season.

The Mariners posted the most draws last campaign - six away from home - and have lost only once in their previous 18 matches, an indication that they are always a tough opponent to crack. This season will be no different for Central Coast with the Mariner a genuine finals prospect.

By Chris Vernuccio

Ins & Outs

Major Gains -

Tony Vidmar (NAC Breda Holland)
Other Gains - Bradley Porter (from Short-term contract), Vuko Tomasevic (Marconi Stallions, NSW), Jamie McMaster (from Short term contract)
Short-term Contracts - James Holland (NSWIS), Matthew Trotti (Central Coast Lightning), Oliver Bozanic (NSWIS), Michael Jedinak

Major Losses - Michael Beauchamp (Nurnberg, Germany), Dean Heffernan (Nurnberg, Germany)

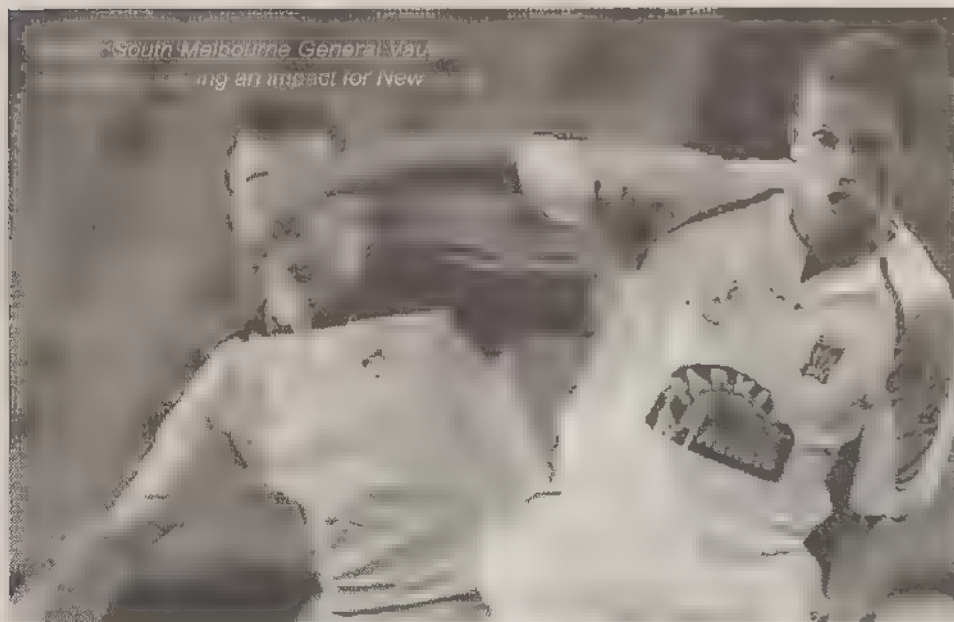
Other Losses - Russell Woodruffe (released), Leo Carle (released during 05/06 season)

Injured List -

John Crawley (Oct. 06), John Hutchinson (Aug 06)



NEWCASTLE JETS FC



Following a fantastic inaugural Hyundai A-League season last year, the glitz and glamour of Australia's premier football competition is set to kick off in just over a week, and the Newcastle United Jets are looking to improve on last seasons' semi-final 2-1 aggregate defeat to the Central Coast Mariners. Under the guidance of arguably Australia's most talented and charismatic coaches in Nick Theodorakopoulos. For a club which is based in provincial New South Wales and is most notably renowned for Rugby League legend Andrew Johns and 90's metal band Silverchair, there is surprisingly an air of optimism around Energy Australia Stadium that the team has the fire power to knock off its more illustrious neighbours

further north.

Despite the hype, Newcastle's pre-season has been less than impressive as they have not been able to win a solitary match, whilst they managed to concede 8 goals in five matches and have only scored five, with their most notable performance being a 0-0 draw against Miron Bleiberg's Queensland Roar. Although the performances haven't been spectacular, the Jets media savvy coach revealed on the Jets website that he has been encouraged by his side's efforts throughout the pre-season and expects them to improve.

There has been several changes in the clubs playing roster, with inspirational captain Ned Zelic retiring at the end of last season to focus on his media com-

mitments and "large tie knot competitions" with SBS football presenter Andrew Orsatti and the departure of prolific goal scoring machine Ante Milcic who heads up north to join the Queensland Roar. To replace the gaping holes left by the two stars, the club was able to secure the high profile signings of former Socceroo captain Paul Okon and the exciting signing of the "surfer turned striker" Joel Griffiths who returns to Australia following his time in Europe. Okon will be expected to general the side from the back whilst offering much needed experience to the younger players, whilst Griffiths high work rate and ability to create goals as well as poach them will prove pivotal to the Jets campaign.

Newcastle's team also comprises of several emerging stars in attacking midfielder Nick Carle, who has the ability to win a match on his own, Newcastle local boy Stuart Mustalik who impressed last season by displaying maturity beyond his years and twenty-three year old right full back Jade North whom along with Mustalik played his part in the successful Soccerroos side which qualified for next years Asian Cup. With Newcastle's solid roster yet to be completed, the Jets faithful have a bright future ahead with an abundance of young talent and the announcement of "Health for Industry" as their principal sponsor, which is worth \$250k over two years and will appear on their jersey sleeves. Given the club is on the right track off the field, it will only be a matter of time until there is success on the field, even though it may not be this season.

Strengths - Coach

Experience and tactical genius of former Wollongong Wolves NSL championship winning coach Nick Theodorakopoulos.

Weaknesses - Depth

A lack of quality depth might be Newcastle's undoing, particularly if one or two key players suffer injuries.

Close eye

Tolgay Ozbey might turn out to be Theodorakopoulos's trump card, with the pint sized striker being named as the 2006 NSW Premier League player of the year with Blacktown City. He possesses tremendous speed and has a powerful shot.

By Chris Priftis

Ins & Outs

Major Gains - Jaquar Covey (South Melbourne VFC), Paul Okon (Apollon Cyprus), Joel Griffiths (Leeds United, England), Victor Rodriguez (Chonbuk Hyundai Motors, Korea Republic)
Other Gains - Tony Faria (Marconi Stallions, NSW), Tarek Elrich (from Short term contract), Adam D'Apuzzo (Marconi Stallions, NSW), Tolgay Ozbey (Blacktown City, NSW), Ben Kennedy (Broadmeadow Magic, NSW)
Short-term contracts - Shane Webb (NSW), Stephen Old (USA)

Major Losses - Ante Milcic (Queensland Roar), Liam Reddy (Queensland Roar), Richard Johnson (New Zealand Knights), Allan Picken (Walsall, England), Ned Zelic (released from contract by mutual consent)
Other Losses - Guy Bates (released during the 05/06 season), Paul Koner (released), Mateo Corea (released), Franco Parisi (released), Brett Studman (released), Andy Peterson (released)

Injured List - Craig Deans (knee - season)

Monday 21 August

STATE LEAGUES



Seniors

NORTH WEST 2

Reserves

Maribymong Greens 3 (N Hamzic, F Husanovic) 2 Williamstown 1 (N Milenkovic) (HT 3-0), Loral United 0 Banyule City 0 (HT 0-0), Yarraville Glory 2 (M Toli, S Georgakakis) Westgate 0 (HT 1-0), Pascoe Vale 3 (R Di Vito, M Maljanek, T Gavran) Altona City 0 (HT 1-0), Moreland City 1 (S Sacco) Westvale 0 (HT 1-0), Thomastown Devils 2 (J Del Rio, N Adoo) Kellor Park 1 (A El Dib) (HT 0-0)

Maribymong Greens 1 Williamstown 1, Loral United 2 Banyule City 1, Yarraville Glory 0 Westgate 4, Pascoe Vale 0 Altona City 0, Moreland City 2 Westvale 0, Thomastown Devils 1 Kellor Park 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Westgate FC	19	14	2	3	42	16	44
Altona City SC	19	11	3	5	22	16	36
Kellor Park SC	19	10	5	4	30	22	35
Williamstown SC	19	10	3	6	33	22	33
Pascoe Vale SC	18	9	5	5	26	14	32
Loral United SC	18	7	6	6	20	16	27
Yarraville Glory FC	18	7	6	6	23	26	27
Maribymong Greens SC	18	5	5	8	19	30	20
Thomastown Devils SC	18	4	6	8	18	26	18
Moreland City SC	18	4	3	12	15	27	15
Banyule City SC	18	3	5	11	25	36	14
Westvale SC	18	3	3	13	20	42	12

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Moreland City SC	19	12	5	2	52	15	41
Thomastown Devils SC	19	10	7	2	38	19	37
Loral United SC	19	11	4	4	40	28	37
Kellor Park SC	19	8	9	2	39	16	33
Pascoe Vale SC	19	8	8	3	25	19	32
Altona City SC	19	8	7	4	32	18	31
Westvale SC	19	7	4	8	29	35	23
Maribymong Greens SC	19	6	5	8	32	43	25
Westgate FC	19	3	7	9	26	30	16
Yarraville Glory FC	19	4	3	12	15	52	15
Williamstown SC	19	3	5	11	29	45	14
Banyule City SC	19	1	2	16	15	53	5

Seniors

SOUTH EAST 2

Reserves

Stonnington City 2 Waverley Wanderers 2 (I Howitt, M Panaghis) (HT 2-0), Chelsea 1 (T Grskovic) Clayton 2 (K Alwan) (HT 1-1), Cranbourne Comets 2 (F Korkaric, S Tagliaro) South Springvale 0 (HT 0-0), Clifton Hill United 3 (C Pope, P Kapelaris) 2 Knox City 0 (HT 2-0), Southern Stars 2 (M Pizzinuso, S Doganay) Eastern Lions SC 2 (S Groom) (HT 0-2), Diamond Valley United 0 Doncaster Rovers 1 (D Chisholm) (HT 0-1)

Stonnington City 2 Waverley Wanderers 0, Chelsea 1 Clifton Hill United 3 Knox City 3, Southern Stars 1 Eastern Lions SC 2, Diamond Valley United 0 Doncaster Rovers 5

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Cranbourne Comets SC	19	13	2	4	32	12	41
Waverley Wanderers SC	19	10	7	2	26	11	37
Southern Stars FC	19	11	3	5	31	22	36
Doncaster Rovers SC	19	9	4	6	37	19	31
Diamond Valley United SC	19	8	5	6	26	20	29
South Springvale SC	19	8	5	6	29	25	29
Clifton Hill United SC	19	9	2	8	25	27	21
Knox City SC	19	6	3	10	26	32	21
Chelsea SC	19	5	5	9	21	29	20
Stonnington City SC	19	5	5	9	14	22	20
Eastern Lions SC	19	3	5	11	21	40	11
Clayton SC	19	3	2	14	19	48	11

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Stonnington City SC	19	15	1	2	48	18	49
Doncaster Rovers SC	19	15	1	3	74	20	45
South Springvale SC	19	12	3	4	84	29	39
Chelsea SC	19	11	3	5	50	51	36
Knox City SC	19	10	2	7	47	33	32
Cranbourne Comets SC	19	8	3	8	35	38	27
Eastern Lions SC	19	7	4	8	31	33	25
Diamond Valley United SC	19	6	4	9	28	38	22
Clifton Hill United SC	19	6	2	11	30	43	20
Clayton SC	19	5	1	13	26	55	16
Waverley Wanderers SC	19	1	6	12	28	52	9
Southern Stars FC	19	1	2	16	24	72	5

State 2 NW

25 Aug 06 3:00PM Loral United v Thomastown Devils HR Uren Reserve
26 Aug 06 3:00PM Kellor Park v Moreland City Kellor Park Reserve
26 Aug 06 3:00PM Westvale v Pascoe Vale McKenna Reserve
26 Aug 06 3:00PM Altona City v Yarraville Glory HC Kim Reserve
26 Aug 06 3:00PM Banyule City v Williamstown Yallambie Park Reserve
26 Aug 06 7:00PM Westgate v Maribymong Greens Ardeer Reserve

State 2 SE

25 Aug 06 8:30PM Doncaster Rovers v Southern Stars Anderson Park
26 Aug 06 3:00PM Chelsea v Diamond Valley United HD Thomas Reserve
26 Aug 06 3:00PM Eastern Lions SC v Clifton Hill United Gardiners Creek Reserve
26 Aug 06 3:00PM Knox City v Cranbourne Comets Egan Lee Reserve
26 Aug 06 3:00PM South Springvale v Stonnington City Warner Reserve
26 Aug 06 3:00PM Clayton v Waverley Wanderers Brandon Park Reserve

State 3 NW

26 Aug 06 3:00PM Ballarat Soccer Club v Sydenham Park Trekard Park
26 Aug 06 3:00PM Werribee City v North Sunshine Eagles Galvin Park Reserve
26 Aug 06 3:00PM La Trobe University v Geelong Rangers Latrobe Uni Lower Playing Field
26 Aug 06 3:00PM Geelong v Albion Rovers Stead Park Reserve
26 Aug 06 3:00PM Corio v Loral Humm Reserve
26 Aug 06 3:00PM Sunbury United v Western Eagles Langana Park

State 3 SE

26 Aug 06 3:00PM Mooroolbark v Endeavour United Escher Park Reserve
26 Aug 06 3:00PM Berwick City v Templestowe Eagles Jack Thomas Reserve
26 Aug 06 3:00PM Heatherton United v Sandringham City Parkfield Reserve
26 Aug 06 3:00PM Nunawading City v Fitzroy City Mahoneys Road Reserve
26 Aug 06 3:00PM Frankston Strikers v Morwell Pegasus Centenary Park
27 Aug 06 3:00PM Monbulk v North Caulfield Monbulk Recreation Reserve

Provi 1 NW

26 Aug 06 3:00PM Elwood City v Hume United Elwood Park
26 Aug 06 3:00PM Avondale Heights v Darebin United Doyse Street Reserve
26 Aug 06 3:00PM Laverton Park v Glenroy Laverton Park Reserve
26 Aug 06 3:00PM Brimbank v Melbourne City Italo-Australian Social Club
26 Aug 06 3:00PM Melbourne University Rangers v Hoppers Crossing Princes Park Oval #2
26 Aug 06 3:00PM Plenty Valley Lions v Mill Park Bundora Park Pavilion

Provi 1 SE

26 Aug 06 3:00PM Southern Suburbs v White Star Dandenong Keays Reserve
26 Aug 06 3:00PM Hobie Park United v Doveton Noble Park Secondary College
26 Aug 06 3:00PM Monash University v Riversdale SC Monash University Sports Oval
26 Aug 06 3:00PM Croynon City Arrows v Brandon Park Dorset Recreation Reserve
26 Aug 06 3:00PM Springvale City Vales v Carrum United Ross Reserve
26 Aug 06 3:00PM Warragul United v Rowville Eagles Baxter Park (Warragul)

Provi 2 NW

26 Aug 06 3:00PM Melbourne Tornado v South Yarra Newmarket Reserve
26 Aug 06 3:00PM Collingwood City v Northern Falcons Kevin Bartlett Reserve
26 Aug 06 3:00PM Northern United v Brimbank City Anderson Reserve
26 Aug 06 3:00PM Whittlesea United v Moreland United Tjornastown East Reserve
26 Aug 06 3:00PM Uni. Of Melbourne Blues v West Preston Princes Park Oval #1
26 Aug 06 3:00PM North City Lions v Broadmeadows United Rupert Wallace Reserve

Provi 2 SE

26 Aug 06 3:00PM Lyndale United v Seaford United Lyndale Secondary College
26 Aug 06 3:00PM Noble Park v Keysborough Norman Luth Reserve
26 Aug 06 3:00PM Mitcham United v Old Xaverians Terrara Park
26 Aug 06 3:00PM Old Trinity Grammarians v Scotch Old Boys Trilby Sports Ground
26 Aug 06 3:00PM Berwick Kings v Beaumaris Belula Park
26 Aug 06 3:00PM Old Melbourne v Ashburton Robert Menzies Reserve

Provi 3 NW

26 Aug 06 3:00PM Melton v Epping City MacPhersons Park
26 Aug 06 3:00PM Light United v Watsonia Heights Caesaria Club
26 Aug 06 3:00PM Bar Park v Reservoir United Bell Park Sports Club
26 Aug 06 3:00PM Moreland Wolves v Keon Park Rayner Reserve
26 Aug 06 3:00PM Ascot Vale v Youth United Fairbairn Park
26 Aug 06 3:00PM Meadow Park v Haim Gladstone Park Reserve

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26 Aug 06 3:00PM Mornington v Eltham North Dallas Brooks Park
26 Aug 06 3:00PM Old Camberwell Grammar v Dandenong City Stradbroke Park
26 Aug 06 3:00PM Old Carey v Dandenong Sparrows Carey Sports Complex (Wilcox Field)
26 Aug 06 3:00PM Endeavour Hills v Dandenong Warriors Power Reserve
26 Aug 06 3:00PM Ringwood City v Old Brighton Grammarians Jubilee Park
26 Aug 06 3:00PM Caulfield United v Boroondara Lions Victory Park

Seniors

NORTH WEST 3

Reserves

Lalor 2 (D Jovic, R Carmignani) Western Eagles 0 (HT 1-0), Ballarat Soccer Club 1 (J Romani) Sunbury United 1 (V Ierardo) (HT 1-0), Albion Rovers 0 Corio 0 (HT 0-0), Geelong Rangers 2 (D Vahs, D McCalkum) Geelong 1 (D Nelson) (HT 1-0), North Sunshine Eagles 1 (A Jasi) La Trobe University 0 (HT 0-0), Sydenham Park 1 (I Filipowski) Werribee City 3 (J Flores, A Barbieri) (HT 1-1)

Lalor 4 Western Eagles 0, Ballarat Soccer Club 4 Sunbury United 5, Albion Rovers 5 Corio 2, Geelong Rangers 1 Geelong 5, North Sunshine Eagles 0 La Trobe University 6, Sydenham Park 3 Werribee City 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Werribee City SC	19	16	3	0	60	11	51
Sunbury United SC	19	15	2	2	47	20	47
Albion Rovers SC	19	8	7	4	44	29	31
Geelong Rangers SC	19	8	4	7	34	31	28
Corio SC	19	7	5	7	28	31	28
Lalor SC	19	7	4	8	31	26	25
Sydenham Park SC	19	6	4	9	26	41	22
Geelong SC	19	6	3	10	31	51	21
La Trobe University SC	19	6	3	10	36	46	21
Ballarat Soccer Club	19	5	8	6	21	34	21
North Sunshine Eagles SC	19	5	2	12	28	45	17
Western Eagles SC	19	3	1	15	12	44	10

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Lalor SC	19	13	5	1	43	12	44
Sunbury United SC	19	12	2	5	51	30	38
Ballarat Soccer Club	19	11	2	6	46	32	35
La Trobe University SC	19	10	4	5	43	27	34
Geelong Rangers SC	19	9	6	4	43	30	33
Geelong SC	19	8	4	7	39	33	28
Sydenham Park SC	19	7	3	8	23	27	24
North Sunshine Eagles SC	19	6	2	11	27	42	20
Albion Rovers SC	19	6	2	11	28	46	20
Corio SC	19	4	6	9	25	40	18
Werribee City SC	19	5	2	12	21	46	17
Western Eagles SC	19	2	4	13	11	33	10

Seniors

SOUTH EAST 3

Reserves

Fitzroy City 3 (C Georgiou, D Rafic) Morwell Pegasus 2 (D Cassar, I Velic) (HT 1-1), Mooroolbark 0 Frankston Strikers 1 (G Alonzo) (HT 0-1), Sandringham City 0 Nunawading City 1 (HT 0-1), Templestowe Eagles 1 (D Marino) Heatherton United 3 (J Pakmezevic, D Hikanovic) (HT 0-3), Endeavour United 2 (M Kimaci, D thier) Monbulk 2 (S Middleton, A Cowie) (HT 1-0), North Caulfield Berwick City (HT)

Fitzroy City 1 Morwell Pegasus 4, Mooroolbark 3 Frankston Strikers 0, Sandringham City 5 Nunawading City 2, Templestowe Eagles 1 Heatherton United 3, Endeavour United 2 Monbulk 3, North Caulfield Berwick City

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Heatherton United SC	19	15	2	2	43	18	47
North Caulfield SC	19	9	6	3	31	24	33
Sandringham City SC	19	9	5	5	35	27	32
Tempestowe Eagles SC	19	9	5	5	30	27	32
Mooroolbark SC	19	8	6	5	36	27	30
Fitzroy City SC	19	7	6	4	44	31	29
Berwick City SC	19	7	5	6	40	28	26
Endeavour United SC	19	7	3	9	31	39	24
Morwell Pegasus SC	19	4	8	7	31	39	20
Frankston Strikers SC	19	4	3	12	20	44	15
Monbulk SC	19	2	5	12	25	42	11
Nunawading City SC	19	2	4	13	21	41	10

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Mooroolbark SC	19	13	3	3	40	20	42
North Caulfield SC	19	13	2	3	56	15	41
Sandringham City SC	19	12	1	6	58	30	37
Heatherton United SC	19	11	4	4	36	23	37
Berwick City SC	19	9	2	7	41	22	28
Nunawading City SC	19	7	3	9	29	34	24
Monbulk SC	19	7	3	9	31	41	24
Tempestowe Eagles SC	19	8	5	8	35	37	23
Morwell Pegasus SC	19	8	3	11	24	40	18
Endeavour United SC	19	4	0	15	21	58	12
Fitzroy City SC	19	3	1	15	13	61	10
Frankston Strikers SC	19	3	1	15	13	61	10

Seniors

PROVI 1 NORTH WEST

Reserves

Hoppers Crossing 4 (J Sweeney, R Nedelkov, 2, Z Tountas) Mill Park 0 (HT 2-0), Elwood City 1 Plenty Valley Lions 2 (D Petkovaid 2) (HT 0-2), Melbourne City 0 Melbourne University Rangers 1 (P King) (HT 0-1), Glenroy 6 (A Kranjinovic, R Kozul) 3 Brimbank 0 (HT 1-0), Darebin United 1 (A Panagiotou) Laverton Park 2 (V De La Plaza, P Sandoval) (HT 0-1), Hume United 1 Avondale Heights 1 (M Janic) (HT 0-0)

Hoppers Crossing 4 Mill Park 0, Elwood City 2 Plenty Valley Lions 3, Melbourne City 1 Melbourne University Rangers 3, Glenroy 5 Brimbank 0, Darebin United 0 Laverton Park 2, Hume United 0 Avondale Heights 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Plenty Valley Lions FC	19	13	3	3	32	17	42
Laverton Park SC	19	11	4	4	47	34	37
Hume United SC	19	10	5	3	51	17	35
Glenroy SC	19	10	6	4	37	16	35
Avondale Heights SC	19	9	7	2	41	17	34
Melbourne Uni Rangers	19	10	4	5	36	20	34
Hoppers Crossing SC	19	9	3	7	49	32	30
Elwood City SC	19	9	2	8	33	25	29
Darebin United SC	19	5	4	10	23	36	19
Melbourne City SC	19	5	1	13	28	41	16
Brimbank SC	19	1	2	16	18	68	5
Mill Park SC	19	0	1	18	8	79	3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Melbourne Uni Rangers	19	14	3	2	58	14	45
Plenty Valley Lions FC	19	13	3	3	57	23	42
Hoppers Crossing SC	19	13	3	3	51	26	42
Hume United SC	19	13	2	4	56	19	41
Elwood City SC	19	9	5	5	47	23	32
Avondale Heights SC	19	9	4	6	44	39	31
Laverton Park SC	19	8	5	6	25	32	23
Darebin SC	18	5	5	8	42	37	20
Darebin United SC	19	4	2	13	23	76	14
Melbourne City SC	19	3	4	11	30	51	13
Trimbark SC	18	1	3	12	23	65	8
Mill Park SC	18	1	1	25	24	73	8



STATE LEAGUE ONE

Catch-Up
Round



SUBURBS HOME AND HOSED



Even though all games were on Saturday and Sunday this weekend, the first decision of the week came from the Victorian Soccer Federation who decided that the Saturday game between North Geelong and the Springvale White Eagles would be postponed. The reason given was "insufficient security measures" taken by the hosting club, North Geelong. At the time of going to press we are yet to be advised as to when or if this fixture will be rescheduled, but it may well have to be played because it may affect the outcome of the White Eagles' promotion prospects or even winning the championship.

In games that did take place on Saturday, Brunswick City and Dandenong Thunder played out an entertain-

ing 2-2 draw. For the home side young midfielder P.J. Galea and Julian Zach were the scorers whilst Ryan Davidson scored for the visiting Thunder. This was a game of little significance because both teams are fairly safe, although they could still theoretically finish in the bottom three if they don't get results, a win however would have seen the victor safe so they will be on tenterhooks till next week at least.

Sunday saw very few goals across all four games played with Western Suburbs and Langwarrin fighting out an entertaining goalless draw at Ralph Reserve. The point takes Suburbs a step closer to promotion to the Premier League but the point also keeps Langwarrin with a slim hope of sneaking into the second spot.

At Reddish Reserve, North Coburg and Port Melbourne fought out a goalless draw in a game North Coburg would have expected to probably win. Neither team is in any real danger of being in the relegation situation, so neither will be too disappointed with a point.

In the basement battle Northcote City took a massive step towards survival or giving them a chance of sneaking out of the bottom two as Trent Rixon fired two goals past Altona East to take Northcote off the bottom and condemn Altona East to bottom spot. This doesn't take Northcote City out of the bottom two but it does bring them close to the others and gives them an outside chance.

The final game was at St Albans Saints' Churchill Reserve, where Bentleigh Greens got a precious win with a single goal by Drew Lawrence which kept them out of the bottom two and occupying the playoff spot right now.

By Reuben Schembri
Photos by John Punshon

The Run Home

Last week we looked at the permutation of the top now we look at the place where teams dread to be the bottom. It is just as interesting and open in the chase to survive and avoid the drop.

Altona East sit bottom on fifteen points and this week was probably their best chance to get points but they dropped the game to Northcote. Altona has North Geelong at home, North Coburg away and finally Brunswick home. I'm not sure if they can win any of these games although they will give an account of themselves. I see them finishing bottom and being in Division 2NW next season.

Northcote with their win this weekend have bought themselves up to the other teams around them and given them a chance to get themselves at least into a playoff spot. Their remaining games are Bentleigh away, Suburbs home and St Albans away. Next week's game is vital for them because I don't see them getting much joy from Suburbs or St Albans. At best third bottom and a playoff position at worst second last and division 2NW football.

Bentleigh Greens are probably a bit lower than they would have hoped having been relegated last season and will need a win next week against Northcote to shut them out of the playoff spot. Another hard run with Northcote home followed by Nth Geelong at Elcho park and North Coburg to complete their season. I think they will finish third bottom or fourth bottom.

Brunswick and Dandenong Thunder are both on nineteen points and should be able to get as enough points to be safe although they wouldn't want to drop any unnecessary points. Brunswick has Port Melbourne away, Springvale WE at home and finishes away to Altona.

They should be safe. The Thunder has Langwarrin away then Port Melbourne home and finishes away to Springvale they should also be safe.

ROUND TWENTY FIXTURES

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NORTHCOTE CITY

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KO 3pm

STATE ONE SENIORS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	T
Western Suburbs SC	19	11	6	2	31	15	39	
Springvale White Eagles SC	18	10	5	3	26	17	35	
Langwarrin SC	19	7	9	3	34	18	30	
North Geelong Warriors SC	18	7	8	3	38	31	29	
North Coburg United SC	19	6	9	4	27	18	27	
St Albans Saints SC	19	6	8	5	22	17	26	
Port Melbourne Sharks SC	19	5	8	6	25	30	23	
Dandenong Thunder SC	19	4	7	8	22	31	19	
Brunswick City SC	19	5	4	10	27	42	19	
Bentleigh Greens SC	19	4	6	9	21	26	18	
Northcote City SC	19	4	5	10	16	27	17	
Altona East Phoenix SC	19	2	9	8	12	29	15	

Brunswick City 2 (P Galea, J Zach)
Dandenong Thunder 2 (R Davidson) (HT: 0-2),

North Geelong Warriors
Springvale White Eagles (HT: -),

Western Suburbs 0 Langwarrin 0 (HT: 0-0),

North Coburg United 0 Port Melbourne 0 (HT: 0-0),

Northcote City 2 (T Rixon 2)
Altona East Phoenix 0 (HT: 0-0),

St Albans Saints 0
Bentleigh Greens 1 (D Lawrence) (HT: 0-0)

STATE ONE RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	T
Langwarrin SC	19	12	6	1	46	23	42	
Western Suburbs SC	19	13	2	4	48	20	41	
Springvale White Eagles SC	18	11	5	2	44	20	38	
Dandenong Thunder SC	19	12	0	7	41	22	36	
Northcote City SC	19	11	2	6	42	29	35	
Brunswick City SC	19	10	3	6	37	36	33	
Bentleigh Greens SC	19	5	6	8	27	37	21	
North Coburg United SC	19	5	2	12	23	40	17	
North Geelong Warriors SC	18	4	3	11	19	35	15	
Altona East Phoenix SC	19	3	6	10	14	35	15	
Port Melbourne Sharks SC	19	3	4	12	25	46	13	
St Albans Saints SC	19	3	3	13	18	41	12	

Brunswick City 0 Dandenong Thunder 1,

North Geelong
Springvale White ,

Western Suburbs 1
Langwarrin 2,

North Coburg United 5
Port Melbourne 1,

Northcote City 1
Altona East Phoenix 0,

St Albans Saints 1
Bentleigh Greens 2

Monday 21 August

Young Matildas Start Well At World Cup

Qantas Young Matildas star Collette McCallum has scored two of the most bizarre goals to get Australia off to a winning start at the FIFA U/20 World Championships in St. Petersburg, Russia.

McCallum's two goals plus a header virtually right on full time from captain Sally Shipard, gave the Young Matildas a comfortable, but far from convincing 3-0 win over New Zealand.

While Australia dominated proceedings, especially in the second half, it wasn't until late in the match that Australia put the result beyond doubt with two goals in the final ten minutes.

McCallum's goals though will be the talking point, with her two strikes a personal embarrassment for the New Zealand keeper Clansey.

Her first goal in the 39th minute came after her inswinging corner sailed over Clansey's head and directly into the goal. The second goal came with ten minutes remaining when her attempted cross from wide on the right, again deceived Clansey and sailed over her head.

Shipard finished off the scoring 92nd minute, heading home Ledbrook's deep corner to the back post. Young Matildas coach Alistair Edwards while delighted with the win, was not totally satisfied with the performance and knows that improvement will be needed.

"Not totally," was Edwards response when asked if he was satisfied with the performance. "Results wise it was good to get off to that sort of start. I thought we did okay but we can do better."

"It was a slow start but that had a lot to do with New Zealand playing five in midfield. Second half we played football we know we are capable of and it was a very, very good performance by the girls." Indeed Edwards knows his girls could have won more convincingly and in what is regarded as the toughest group; goals difference could become all-important at the end.

It was a nervous start by both teams, although New Zealand probably had slightly the better of play and tested the Australian defence on several occasions. However once the Aussies settled down and found their passing range they started to put pressure on New Zealand.

The first chance of the match should have resulted in a goal for New Zealand after 26 minutes. From a corner on the right, Lydia Williams misread the flight of the ball and Rushworth from 2 metres out, headed over the bar.

That seemed to wake the Australian team up and almost immediately they had their first chance with Clare Polkinghorne heading wide.

Leah Blayney and Leena Khamis then had half chances in quick succession, while Blayney spurned a great chance when she sliced a first time shot wide from just inside the penalty area.

The dangerous Saffa McDonnell then brilliantly beat her marker inside the penalty area and fired a shot which the New Zealand keeper Clansey parried to her own advantage.

Six minutes before the half time break, the inevitable breakthrough came, albeit in unusual circumstances. Collette McCallum swung over an inswinging corner, which caught Clansey out and the ball sailed over her head and into the goal.

Clansey almost gifted Australia a second goal right on half time, when she failed to hold a Kylie Ledbrook free kick, fortunately for her the ball went on the outside of the post.

The Australian's came out with renewed determination after the break and had the New Zealand defence under plenty of pressure.

Blayney should have scored when put through inside the penalty box in the 56th minute, but her shot was hit straight at Clansey. This came seconds after Khamis was just inches away from grabbing a goal, unable to get enough on the ball as she stretched for a McDonnell cross.

Williams only real action came two minutes later, when she made a good save at near post to deny Reilly who outsprinted Kennedy down the right.

It was end to end action as just minutes later Clansey made a full stretch diving save to deny Blayney again.

McDonnell's pace was causing the Kiwi defenders problems and she managed to shrug off two defenders on a surging run, but could only shoot into the side-netting.

Australia's pressure was finally rewarded when McCallum scored her second goal from wide on



the left and Shipard capped off a solid performance in the middle of the park, by making the scoreline more convincing with virtually the last play of the game.

What will be a concern for Edwards will be the three yellow cards to key players Shipard, McCallum and Blayney and they will have to be careful in their next match against Brazil that they don't pick up another and get suspended for the Russia game. Australia leads the Group A after the first round of games, with the two favourites to go through to the next round, hosts Russia and Brazil played out a 0-0 draw.

Australia 3 (Collette McCallum 39', 80', Sally Shipard 92') - New Zealand 0

"To win our first World Championship game was great, but it was also expected," Edwards said. "Against Brazil things are a little different, as no one really expects us to beat them."

"No female Australian team has ever won two games at a World Championship and for us to qualify for the quarter finals we will have to do just that - beat either the South American Champions (Brazil) or the European Champions (Russia)."

"There is no doubt we are in the toughest group but it is a challenge that we are all looking forward to."

Coach Alistair Edwards' words before the Brazil game that was being played as Goal Weekly went to print

UK FOOTBALL WRAP

Bolton strike early to down Spurs

BOLTON. Aug 19- Two goals inside the first quarter-hour sent Bolton Wanderers soaring to a 2-0 victory over Tottenham Hotspur in their Premiership opener in the late afternoon game on Saturday.

The Trotters went in front rather quickly on nine minutes as Kevin Davies scored on a free header at the near post from a corner kick, but it appeared he was open only after Abdoulaye Meite pulled down Callum Davenport.

Four minutes later, Iván Campo hit a stunning strike from 40 yards that bounced on the slick surface and curled away from goalkeeper Paul Robinson before hitting the back of the net for a 2-0 lead.

Jermain Defoe sought out a goal for Spurs in the 24th minute as he hit a turning shot from the top of the area, but Jussi Jääskeläinen made a diving stop to prevent a sure goal.

Bolton probably should have won a penalty in the 50th minute when Davies was pushed in the back in the area by Michael Dawson, but referee Phil Dowd waved play on.

Kevin Nolan and El-Hadji Diouf both should have made it 3-0 later in the half, but the former dragged horribly wide and the latter's header produced a magnificent save out of Paul Robinson.

The victory was Bolton's fifth consecutive over Spurs at the Reebok Stadium, and a brilliant start for Sam Allardyce's side.

Gilberto strike spares Arsenal

LONDON. Aug 19- Arsenal's first Premiership game at Emirates Stadium nearly ended in total disaster, but a late strike by Gilberto Silva gave the Gunners a 1-1 draw against Martin O'Neill's Aston Villa squad.

Villa looked strong early on as youngster Gabriel Agbonlahor tested Jens Lehmann with a fierce volley, but the German goalkeeper was up to the task.

After Arsenal then controlled the ball for much of the remainder of the half, they thought they had gone in front just before half-time when Kolo Touré headed home, but



Rieke Beardsley
penalty that saw L
level things up

the flag had gone up on the Ivorian defender. The visitors then took advantage of that after 53 minutes as Olof Mellberg stunned the packed house in London as he headed home from a Steven Davis corner kick for a shock advantage.

The Gunners nearly had an immediate response through Emmanuel Eboué, but his shot went crashing off the crossbar and Emmanuel Adebayor had an effort cleared at the last moment by Liam Ridgeway.

Debutant Theo Walcott was greeted with a nice reception

and the fans liked him even more in the 84th minute when he crossed in nicely for Gilberto to slam home on the volley to spare the blushes of the home side in their competitive debut at the new stadium.

Liverpool held by Blades in opener

SHEFFIELD. Aug 19- Liverpool were forced to come from a goal behind to earn a 1-1 draw with Premiership newcomers Sheffield United in the league's first match of

the season at Bramall Lane.

The Blades in the first half did their best to break up the play and deny Liverpool any flow in their attack, but they were fortunate not to go behind as goalkeeper Paddy Kenny was able to stop a deflected free kick by Steven Gerrard.

The Reds were then dealt a double blow in the back, losing both John Arne Riise and Jamie Carragher to injury, a change in tactics with Mark González and Daniel Agger coming on in their stead.

Just before the interval, Fabio Aurélio came close to scoring the opener with a free kick that was well-saved by Kenny.

For all the Blades' hard work in defense, they were rewarded with a stunning goal in the 50th minute as Michael Tonge's free kick was hit past José Reina by the glancing head of debutant Rob Hulse.

Sam Hyypiä struck the post with a header moments later as the Reds went in search of the equalizer, and Kenny made a save on a Fowler header. But, eventually Liverpool would make it 1-1 from the spot.

Phil Jagielka was adjudged by referee Rob Styles to have taken down Gerrard in the area, and Fowler stepped up in the 70th minute to slot past Kenny for a share of the spoils.

Owen may not return this season: Roeder

NEWCASTLE. Aug 18- Newcastle United manager Glenn Roeder thinks that striker Michael Owen may not play at all during the 2006-07 season.

Roeder told BBC Radio Newcastle that the chance of Owen returning to the pitch is small after having to undergo a second operation next week.

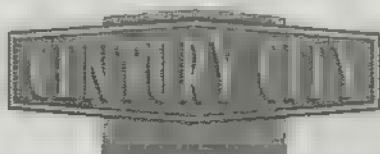
Owen suffered a heavy knee injury during the World Cup in Germany, and will not travel to the United States to receive special treatment.

Since signing the forward from Real Madrid in August, Newcastle have only been able to field Owen in ten occasions due to two injuries.

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It's back... The Premiership kicked off this weekend. It doesn't seem that long ago since Chelsea lifted their second successive trophy. Bets and predictions are being made all over the globe. Whether it is going to be any less predictable than last season remains to be seen.

I see the league mapped out in distinctive camps and success based on how each team develops within its sub group.

The 'Top Four' are the teams that seriously battle for the four Champions League places available. As of recent years Chelsea will again be the obvious team to beat as they look to extend their winning streak to three Premiership league titles. The addition of Andriy Shevchenko, the £31M striker will be expected to be the final piece in the jigsaw to challenge Thierry Henry as the league top scorer. Last weekend Liverpool showed Chelsea that they are able to challenge them, and if Chelsea do stumble, I believe Rafael Benitez's team will be waiting just behind them. Arsenal is the most debt-laden club, to the tune of £260M with their new stadium. While there has been no major summer purchases, the young squad will have matured since last season, and will undoubtedly be better for it. If Chelsea purchases Ashley Cole for over £20M as rumoured, it will be there undoing, as Arsene Wenger will spend the cash wisely. I believe Manchester United will be the last of the big four this season mainly due to the loss of Ruud van Nistelrooy. The purchase of Michael Carrick will strengthen up the midfield, but Ole Gunnar Solskjaer, Louis Saha and Alan Smith are too injury-prone to properly support Wayne Rooney in attack. I believe this trophyless season will be Alex Ferguson's last.

The 'Top Halves' are the teams pushing for fourth spot, but will really be happy with a UEFA cup berth. Tottenham Hotspur will again lead this group with Blackburn Rovers, Newcastle United, Everton and possibly Wigan Athletic and West Ham. Spurs have

heavily invested in the likes of striker Dmytar Berbatov and Didier Zokora. Blackburn should gather some momentum through a run in Europe. Newcastle will have to buy a striker as Alan Shearer has retired and Michael Owen will be out for most of the season nursing his World Cup injury. While Everton were on a great run at the second half of last season, new signings of Andrew Johnson, Joleon Lescott and Tim Howard should further bolster the squad.

The 'New Chiefs' are teams that will be slightly unpredictable because they have new managers at the helm. A fresh approach will make the fans eager in anticipation of a successful season. Aston Villa will be the main team to watch as they start life with a new manager Martin O'Neil and new chairman with some money to spend. Charlton and Middlesbrough may have a tough time as the previous managers were solid, anything less than mid table will be considered a poor season.

The 'Old Chiefs' are the teams that I believe require something or someone to freshen them up, namely Fulham, Bolton and Man City. Fulham may have lost their star player Steed Malbranque and Big Sam of Bolton is still grieving over losing out on the England job. Portsmouth would normally fit into this category but the new chairman has pumped pounds into the new squad, including the addition of Sol Campbell. With careful guidance Pompey could be challenging further up the table.

As for the 'The Newly Promoted', it is obvious to pick out them as teams that will struggle with the step up of class. Reading, Sheffield United and Watford will hope to repeat Wigan's success last season. But their lack of premiership quality makes this doubtful and they will lead the relegation battle.

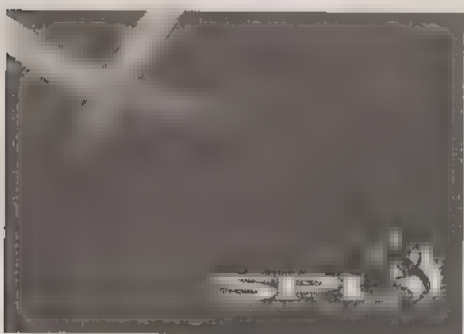
By Richard Suicksmith

"Premiership Guide"

Ranking & Happiness Guide	Name	Nickname	Origin of Nickname
1	Chelsea	Blues	Kit colour.
2	Liverpool	Reds	Kit colour.
3	Arsenal	Gunnners	Guns are stored in an arsenal.
4	Manchester United	Red Devils	A devil is in the club badge.
5	Tottenham Hotspur	Spurs	A shortening of Hotspur
6	Blackburn Rovers	Rovers	Implies willing to travel distances for glory.
7	Newcastle United	Maggies	Kit colour - black and white
8	Everton	Toffees	Local sweet shop gave away toffees.
9	Wigan	Latics	Corruption of athletic.
10	West Ham United	Hammers	Team started life as Thames Ironworks.
11	Aston Villa	Villains	Named after Villa Cross church in Aston.
12	Charlton	Addicks	Corruption of athletic.
13	Middlesbrough	Boro	Abbreviation of Middlesborough
14	Portsmouth	Pompey	A nickname for the city of navel extraction
15	Manchester City	Sky Blues	Kit colour.
16	Bolton Wanderers	Trotters	A way of describing traveling wanderers.
17	Fulham	Cottagers	Their ground is Craven Cottage.
18	Sheffield United	Blades	Steel industry, famous for knives.
19	Reading	The Royals	Situated in the royal county of Berkshire.
20	Watford	Hornets	Yellow and black football kit.

\$ Clubs with lots of money to spend

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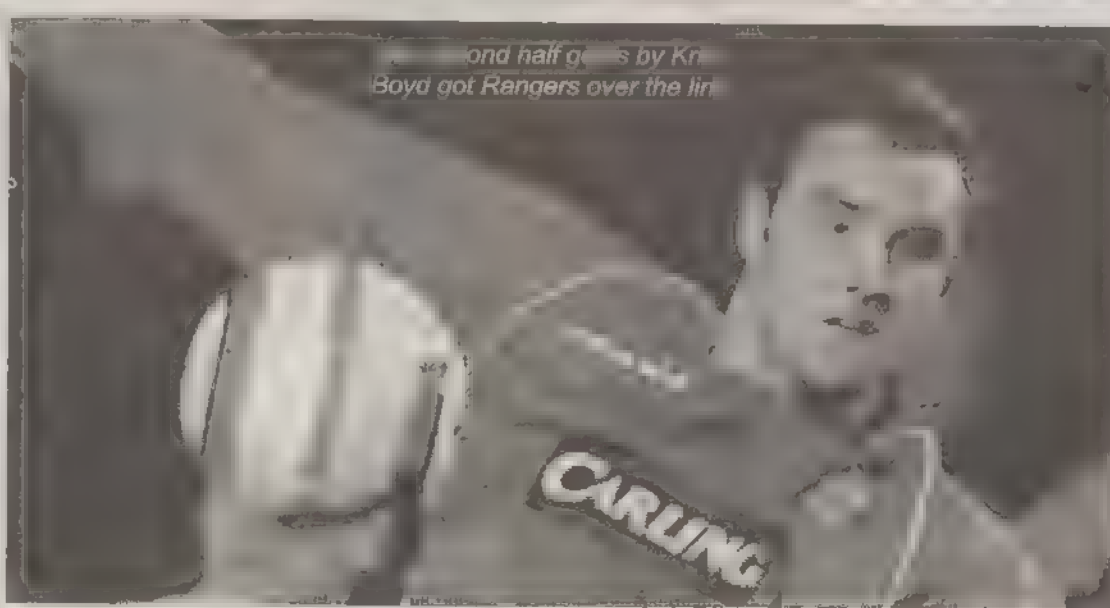
Scotland is a small country, with a small population. But you wouldn't know it from the size of its football league. With four divisions, comprised of 42 clubs, its much bigger than expected from a population of only five million people.

But quantity does not translate into quality, and the gap in standards, finances and support, between clubs is huge. Last month Inverness CT paid £65,000 for Ross County's John Rankin. At Celtic or Rangers this sort of money is a star player's fortnightly wage. At Inverness it was a club record transfer fee.

And Inverness is still in the SPL, finishing seventh last season.

They may lag a long way behind the Old Firm, but by Scottish standards, they're still a big club. As large as the SFL is, you don't need to trawl too far down the leagues to find clubs playing in front of crowds smaller than the Ranger's reserve team. The website www.scottishgroundguide.co.uk, has photos of all the grounds for every league club in Scotland. Past First Division, many look like local suburban grounds you'd see anywhere around Melbourne. At some of them, you can still drive your car right up to the fence, watch the game from the passenger seat, and tot your horn after every goal.

Yet such clubs only play a couple of tiers below Celtic and Rangers



While there are now rules which make it near impossible for them to ever get promoted to the SPL, (such as having a stadium with 6,000+ seats) it's still possible to be drawn against big clubs in cup fixtures.

This is the great thing about Scottish football. It still has local community-based clubs playing in the highest level of competition. No matter how big Celtic and Rangers are, how much money they spend on international players, or how often they play Champions League ties in places like Milan or Barcelona, they are still forced to play Cup ties in places like Stenhousemuir or Cowdenbeath.

In these sorts of matches players can be just as much fans as competitors. A couple of seasons back, when Falkirk were still in First Division, they were drawn

against Celtic at Parkhead. When the team ran onto the pitch, so in awe were they of playing against their idols in front of 55,000 people, they brought cameras and camcorders with them to record the moment.

However this could all potentially change, with Scottish football about the experience the greatest shake-up since the creation of the Scottish Premier League in 1997. Last Thursday the SPL announced plans to create the SPL 2. 10 clubs from the Scottish Football League will be invited to form the new second tier to the SPL.

On the surface, it's simply a re-branding of First Division, even retaining their one-team promotion/relegation system. Eric Drysdale, Secretary of Rath Rovers, told the Scotsman, "... it will be the same matches between the same players in front of the same specta-

tors. Football competition is what should matter and there is no change there."

However there are repercussions. Currently the three divisions below the SPL are run by the SFL. The 116 year-old organisation has been disempowered ever since the SPL took its 12 biggest clubs. With the SPL 2 set to take another 10, the body will practically be irrelevant.

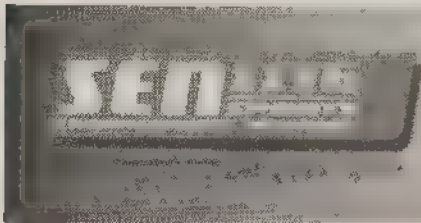
The League Cup, the SFL's biggest asset and the great leveller that forces highly paid professionals to travel to obscure towns in rural Scotland, is also under threat.

As a prerequisite for joining SPL2, clubs must have a 3,000 plus seated stadium and pitch protection. Of the twenty teams in Second and Third Division, only two meet such criteria. Unless they're able to spend the money to upgrade their stadiums, they'll effectively be shut out from promotion. Thus inclusion will be decided by finances just as much as sporting merit.

As Eric Drysdale says "I don't want to get into the top league just because we have the right number of seats."

Just as was the case with the creation of the SPL, the SPL 2 will increase the inequality between clubs.

In the actual football this weekend, Rangers defeated Hearts 2-0 in what was a must-win match for both teams. Hibs finally won their first match of the year, beating Motherwell 3-1. Both Dundee United and Aberdeen were unlucky to draw their respective matches, despite outplaying their opposition. Dundee United are still winless having failed to score in a 0-0 draw against Dunfermline. While an 87th minute equaliser from St. Mirren gave Aberdeen their third draw in four games.



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Monday 21 August



JUNIOR LEAGUES



MIL O Boys S/E 16 Super League Round 16: Bentleigh Greens 0 Oakleigh 3, Doncaster Rovers JSC 6 Whitehorse 0, Bulleen 2 Glen Waverley 0, South Eastern Piranhas 2 South Melbourne 3, Southern Stars 0 Knox City 1

MIL O Boys S/E 15 Super League Round 16: Box Hill Inter Bys, Kingston City 7 Beaumaris 0, Doncaster Rovers JSC 0 Whitehorse 0, Bulleen 1 Gipsland Soccer League 1 Noble Park 1 South Melbourne 6

MIL O Boys S/E 14 Super League Round 16: Chelsea 2 Beaumaris 0, Endeavour Utd 4 Whitehorse 0, Bulleen 1 Manningham 0, Doncaster Rovers JSC 1 South Melbourne 1, Doncaster Rovers JSC Knox City

MIL O Boys S/E 13 Super League Round 16: Knox City 4 Beaumaris 2, Monash City 2 Gipsland Soccer League 1, Bulleen 2 Nunawading City 0, Baxter 0 Mornington 4, Dandenong City 0 Box Hill Inter 3

MIL O Boys N/W 16 Super League Round 16: Melbourne Knights JSC Brimbank 0 Essendon Royals 8, Preston Lions 1, Box Hill Inter 2, Green Gully 5 Sydenham Park 0, North City Lions 1 Hoppers Crossing 6

MIL O Boys N/W 15 Super League Round 16: Bye Fawkner, Brimbank 3 Essendon Royals 3, Altona East 2 Melbourne Knights 0, Green Gully 2 Epping City 0, Keilor Park 9 Moreland United 1

MIL O Boys N/W 14 Super League Round 16: Brimbank 2 Albion-Wodonga 1, Bendigo Amateur Soccer League 3, Preston Lions 0, Green Gully 1 Melbourne Knights 1, Keilor Park 2 Fawkner 0, North Coburg Utd 2 Wilfstanstown 0

MIL O Boys N/W 13 Super League Round 16: Altona Magpie 0 Essendon Royals 1, Bundoora 0 Melbourne Knights 3, Green Gully 3 Epping City 1, Keilor Park 2 Fawkner 0, Preston Lions 2 Hoppers Crossing JSC 2

MIL O Boys Metro 18 Blue Round 16: Port Melbourne JSC Doncaster Rovers JSC, Brunswick City 2 Oakleigh 0, Green Gully 2 Bulleen 2

MIL O Boys Metro 18 Orange Round 16: Springvale City Bye, Glen Waverley 6 Mooroolbark 3, Sherbrooke Rangers 3 Rosebud 0, Langwarrin 5 Mornington 0, Brighton JSC 5 Seaford United JSC 1

MIL O Boys Metro 18 Purple Round 16: Bye Northcote City, Keilor Park Bye, Bundoora 1 Brimbank 2, Preston Lions 1 Gisborne 3, Essendon Royals 2 St Albans 4

MIL O Boys Metro 18 Yellow Round 16: Bye Berwick City Eastern Lions Bye, Westvale 3 Mornington 0, Glen Elia 1 Brighton JSC 7, Brandon Park 4 Berwick Kings 1

MIL O Boys South 16 A Round 16: Bentleigh Greens 1 Beaumaris 1, Langwarrin 12 Baxter 2, Springvale City Brighton JSC, Sandringham City 2 Doveton 1, Dandenong City 2 Berwick City 5

MIL O Boys South 16 B Round 16: Chelsea Bye Peninsula 4 Sandringham City 5, Dandenong Sparrows 1 Rowville Eagles 3, Sandringham City A Doveton Beaumaris 1 Carrum Utd 1

MIL O Boys South 15 A Round 16: Springvale White Eagles 5 Cranbourne Comets 2, Hampton Park Jtd 1 Mornington 5, Brighton JSC 2 Berwick City 3, Sandringham City 0 Langwarrin 3, Seaford Utd 1 Dandenong Thunder 4

MIL O Boys South 15 B Round 16: Bentleigh Greens 2 Dandenong City 4, Langwarrin 4 Mornington 0, Berwick City 12 Brighton JSC 0, Baxter 1 Endeavour United 4, Rosebud 2 Beaumaris 2

MIL O Boys South 14 A Round 16: Springvale White Eagles 2 Lyndale Utd 0, Hampton Park Utd 5 Baxter 0, Brighton 0 Mornington 2, Sandringham City 1 Langwarrin 0, Beaumaris 1 Berwick City 5

MIL O Boys South 14 B Round 16: Cranbourne Comets Bye, Langwarrin 2 White Star Dandenong 1, Peninsula 1 Brighton JSC 4, Sandringham City 0 Frankston Pines 0, Dandenong City 2 Mornington 1

MIL O Boys South 13 A Round 16: Bentleigh Greens 10 Mornington 0, Hampton Park Utd 2 Endeavour Utd 0, Brighton JSC 4 Doveton 0, Dandenong Thunder 4 Langwarrin 1, Frankston Pines 2 Berwick City 3

MIL O Boys South 13 B Round 16: Berwick City 0 Lyndale Utd 3, Hampton Park Jtd 1 Seaford Utd 2 Brighton JSC 1 Phillip Island 4, Sandringham City 1 Beaumaris 1, East Bentleigh Carrum Utd

MIL O Boys South 13 C Round 16: Berwick City Bye Springvale White Eagles 1 Beaumaris 1, Langwarrin 1 Baxter 1, Cranbourne Comets 2 Brighton 1, Sandringham City 2 Seaford Utd 3

MIL O Boys South 12 A Round 16: Bentleigh Greens 0 Beaumaris 1, Hampton Park Jtd 1 Mornington 1, Peninsula 2 Brighton JSC 0, Sandringham City 11 Langwarrin 1, Dandenong City 1 Berwick City 1

MIL O Boys South 12 B Round 16: Bye Cranbourne Comets, Chelsea Beaumaris, Brighton 1 Berwick City 0, Sandringham City 0 Mornington 1, Seaford Utd 1 Hampton 4

MIL O Boys South 12 C Round 16: Baxter Bye, Langwarrin 1 Sandringham City 0, Brighton JSC 3 Seaford Utd 0, Beaumaris 1 Rosebud 1

MIL O Boys South 12 D Round 16: Casey Panthers Bye Hampton, Bentleigh Greens 11 Lyndale Utd 0, Hartfield Hurricanes 20 Endeavour Hills 0, Keysborough JSC 2 Peninsula 1

MIL O Boys South 11 Kangaroos Green Round 16: Dandenong City Bye, Berwick City 1 Beaumaris 1, Hampton Heatherton Utd Brighton 4 Mornington 1, Sandringham City 1 Cranbourne Comets 3

MIL O Boys South 11 Kangaroos Purple Round 16: Dandenong Thunder Bye, Seaford Utd 4 Springvale White Eagles 0, Langwarrin 0 Sandringham City 7 Noble Park 11 Mornington 0, Peninsula 4 Rosebud 1

MIL O Boys South 11 Joys Blue Round 16: Baxter Bye, Berwick City 3 Beaumaris 0, Endeavour Utd 1 Brighton 1 Sandringham City Doveton, Dandenong City 4 Carrum Utd 2

MIL O Boys South 11 Joys Red Round 16: Mornington 3 Hampton 2, Hampton Park Utd 1 Sandringham City 2, Brighton A 0 Brighton B 2, Keysborough 4 Langwarrin 0, Beaumaris 1 Berwick City 0

MIL O Boys East 16 A Round 16: Glen Waverley Bye, Riverside Raiders 3 Nunawading City 2, Manningham 1 Bulleen 2, Ashburton 2 Doncaster Rovers JSC 1 Sherbrooke Rangers 4 East Bentleigh 2

MIL O Boys East 16 B Round 16: Glen Elia Bye, Bye Eastern Lions, Boronia 3 Richmond 11, Mooroolbark 7 North Caulfield 1, Manningham 0 Boroondara Lions 8

MIL O Boys East 15 A Round 16: Bye Boronia, Knox City 0 Richmond 0, Doncaster Rovers JSC 1 North Caulfield 1, Manningham 0 Bulleen 5, South Springvale South Melbourne

MIL O Boys East 15 B Round 16: Boronia Nunawading City, Glen Waverley 4 North Caulfield 1, East Bentleigh Eastern Lions, Brandon Park 1 Doncaster Rovers JSC 2, Croydon City Arrows JSC 1 Westvale 3

MIL O Boys East 15 C Round 16: Manningham Bye Sherbrooke Rangers 3 Ringwood City 5, Caulfield Utd 0 Boroondara Lions 4, Ashburton 4 Mooroolbark 0 Richmond 0 Port Melbourne JSC 1

MIL O Boys East 14 A Round 16: Caulfield Utd Bye Kingston City 1 Richmond 1, Riverside Raiders 0 Bulleen 3, Nunawading City 1 Glen Waverley 0, Sherbrooke Rangers 1 Eastern Lions 3

MIL O Boys East 14 B Round 16: Springvale City Oakleigh Melbourne Utd 2 North Caulfield 3, Manningham 5 Whitehorse 0 Clayton 2 Bulleen 1 Southern Stars 4 Glen Elia 1

MIL O Boys East 14 C Round 16: Knox City 4 Beaumaris 0, Doncaster Rovers JSC 3 Mooroolbark 0, Brighton JSC 1 Nunawading City 5, Croydon City Arrows JSC 1 Berwick City 2, Glen Waverley 3 Stonnington City 0

MIL O Boys East 14 D Round 16: Eastern Lions 1 Ashburton 3, Chelsea 4 Hampton 0, Glen Elia 1 Manningham 6, Ringwood City 1 Doncaster Rovers JSC 4, East Bentleigh Boronia

MIL O Boys East 13 A Round 16: Oakleigh Bye, Doncaster Rovers 1 North Caulfield 4, Riverside Raiders 2 Bulleen 1, Clayton 0 South Melbourne 2, Croydon City Arrows 1 Port Melbourne 0

MIL O Boys East 13 B Round 16: Monash City Bye, Kingston City Richmond, Ashburton 2 Nunawading City 2, Manningham 1 Eastern Lions 2, Sherbrooke Rangers 0 Boronia 0

MIL O Boys East 13 C Round 16: Glen Waverley 3 Springvale City 0, Ringwood City 1 North Caulfield 0, Caulfield Utd Bye, Brandon Park 3 Mooroolbark 1, Richmond Bye

MIL O Boys East 13 D Round 16: Glen Waverley Bye, Kingston City Richmond, Ashburton 2 Nunawading City 2, Manningham 1 Eastern Lions 2, Sherbrooke Rangers 0 Boronia 0

MIL O Boys East 12 A Round 16: Knox City Bye, East Bentleigh Whitehorse, Bulleen 15 Glen Waverley 0, Box Hill Inter 3 South Melbourne 0, Richmond 2 Monash City 2

MIL O Boys East 12 B Round 16: Stonnington City 1 Oakleigh 2, Doncaster Rovers JSC 1 North Caulfield 1, Ringwood City 4 Bulleen 0, Croydon City Arrows JSC 0 Riverside Raiders 0 Bye Glen Waverley

MIL O Boys East 12 C Round 16: Eastern Lions 2 Waverley Wanderers 5, Melbourne United 0 North Caulfield 3, Ashburton 0 Bulleen 12, Brandon Park Mooroolbark Bye Boroondara Lions

MIL O Boys East 12 D Round 16: Eastern Lions 4 North Caulfield 2, Riverside Raiders 0, Croydon City Arrows JSC 0 Manningham Bye, Croydon City Arrows JSC Bye Knox City

MIL O Boys East 12 E Round 16: Northcote City 2 Bentleigh Greens 1, Ringwood City 0 Whitehorse 6, Frankston Sharks Bye, Croydon City Arrows JSC Bye, Richmond 2 Caulfield United 2

MIL O Boys East 11 Kangaroos Green Round 16: Bye Oakleigh, Doncaster Rovers JSC 0 North Caulfield 2, Box Hill Inter 3 Glen Waverley 0, Croydon City Arrows JSC 1 South Melbourne 0, Richmond 0 Boronia 0

MIL O Boys East 11 Kangaroos Purple Round 16: Ringwood City 1 Nunawading City 2, Doncaster Rovers JSC 1 Riverside Raiders 2, Bulleen 5 Stonnington City 0 Monash City 1 South Melbourne 0, Richmond 0 Boronia 5

MIL O Boys East 11 Joys Orange Round 16: Richmond Bye, Knox Utd 1 Eastern Lions 0, Bye North Caulfield East Bentleigh, Bulleen, Clayton 2 Doncaster Rovers JSC 1

MIL O Boys East 11 Joys Blue Round 16: Nunawading City Bye, Kingston City 1 Richmond 0, Manningham 3 Croydon City Arrows JSC 0, Bulleen 3 East Bentleigh 2, Ashburton 2 Caulfield Utd 5

MIL O Boys East 11 Joys Red Round 16: Sherbrooke Rangers Bye, Knox City 1 Richmond 0, Melbourne Utd 1 North Caulfield 3, Ashburton Glen Elia, Brandon Park 0 Doncaster Rovers 3

MIL O Boys East 11 Joys Yellow Round 16: Monash City 4 Springvale City 0, Eastern Lions 0 Ringwood City 1, Glen Elia 1 Boroondara Lions 2, Port Melbourne JSC Mooroolbark, Glen Waverley 2 Riverside Raiders

MIL O Boys N/W 16 B Round 16: Laker Utd 2 Altona City 7 Altona East 1 Werribee City 3, Meadow Park 1 Sydenham Park 0, Watsonia Heights 0 Maribyrnong Greens 3, Broadmeadows Utd 1 Keilor Wolves 0

MIL O Boys N/W 14 B Round 16: Laker Utd Bye, Sunbury Utd 1 Essendon Royals 5, Altona East 1 Gisborne 2, Sunshine City 4, Sydenham Park 1 North Sunshine Eagles 3 Bundoora 0

MIL O Boys N/W 14 C Round 16: Altona City Bye, Werribee City 1, Essendon Royals 1 Northcote City 8

MIL O Boys N/W 13 B Round 16: Hoppers Crossing JSC 2 Laverton Park 1, North Coburg United 2 Mill Park 1, Brunswick Zebras 4 Epping City 2, Brunswick City 0 Fawkner 2, North Sunshine Eagles 3 Heidelberg Utd 1

MIL O Boys N/W 13 C Round 16: Altona City Bye, Westvale 0 Plenty Valley Lions 7, Melbourne Lions Brunswick Zebras, Mill Park 0 Brimbank City 5, Keilor Wolves 2 Whitehorse Utd 0

MIL O Boys N/W 16 A Round 16: Light Utd Heidelberg Stars, Bundoora 4 Eltham North 1, Epping City 3 Brunswick Zebras 2, Brunswick City 3 Moreland Utd 2, North Coburg Utd 0 Clifton Hill Utd 1

MIL O Boys North 15 A Round 16: Bye Essendon Royals, Bundoora 1 Whittlesea Stallions 1, Brunswick Zebras 0 Whittlesea Utd 4, Brunswick City 5 Preston Lions 2, Moreland Wolves 2 Eltham North 7

MIL O Boys North 15 B Round 16: Light Utd Brimbank City, Laker Utd Northcote City 4, Carlton Youth FC 2 Brunswick Zebras 0, Plenty Valley Lions 0 Yarraville 4, Sunbury United 3 Heidelberg Utd 1

MIL O Boys North 14 A Round 16: Essendon Royals Bye Bundoora 3 Hume Utd 0, Brunswick Zebras 3 Epping City 0, Eltham North 2 Moreland Utd 1 North Coburg Utd 2 Fawkner 1

MIL O Boys North 13 A Round 16: Laker Utd 0 Essendon Royals 5, Bendigo Amateur Soccer League 3 Whittlesea Stallions 2, Light Utd Epping City, Eltham North 2 Bundoora 5, Diamond Valley Utd 3 Moreland City 2

MIL O Boys North 12 A Round 16: Sunbury Utd 2 Essendon Royals 1, Bundoora 2 Hume Utd 0, Epping City 1 North City Lions JSC 1, Brunswick City 7 Fawkner 2, North Coburg Utd 8 Heidelberg Utd 0

MIL O Boys North 12 B Round 16: Laker Utd 0 Light Utd 2, Bendigo Amateur Soccer League 1 Whittlesea Stallions 1, Brunswick Zebras 3 Epping City 0, Eltham North 3 Fawkner 0, Preston Lions 2 Moreland City 1

MIL O Boys North 12 C Round 16: Clifton Hill Utd Bye Plenty Valley Lions Bye, Fawkner Eltham North Meadow Park 1 Berwick City 1, Whittlesea Stallions 2 Bundoora 0

MIL O Boys North 12 D Round 16: Alphington 0 Essendon Royals 6, Broadmeadows Utd 5 Hume Utd 2, Youth Utd 2 Brunswick Zebras 0, Greenvale Utd 7 Moreland Utd 0 Moreland Wolves 4 Watsonia Heights 1

MIL O Boys North 11 Kangaroos Green Round 16: Heidelberg Stars Bye, Preston Lions 4 Eltham North 0, Brunswick Zebras 3 Epping City 0, Brunswick City 0 Bundoora 1, North City Lions JSC 4 Heidelberg Utd 0

MIL O Boys North 11 Kangaroos Purple Round 16: Whittlesea Stallions Bye, Light Utd 1, Epping City 5, Fawkner 1, Whittlesea Stallions 1, North City Lions JSC 2 Moreland City 1

MIL O Boys North 11 Joys Blue Round 16: Laker Utd 1 Essendon Royals 1, Knox City 1 Brunswick City 1, Diamond Valley Utd 1 Epping City 1, Watsonia Heights 2, Moreland Utd 0 North Coburg Utd 2 Light United North 1

MIL O Boys West 16 A Round 16: WVSA 1, Western Eagles 1, Sunbury Utd 0 Keilor Park 11, Laker Utd 0, Altona East 1, Essendon Royals 1, North Sunshine Eagles 1, Ballarat Academy Of Soccer 1, St Albans Sunshine Heights

MIL O Boys West 15 A Round 16: Brimbank Altona Magpie 4, Melton Keilor Park Sunshine City 6, Avondale Heights 1, North Sunshine Eagles 1, Ballarat Academy Of Soccer 0, St Albans Hoppers Crossing JSC

MIL O Boys West 14 A Round 16: Keilor Park Bye Brimbank 2 Altona City 4, Laverton Park 0 Altona Rovers 4, Green Gully 0 Ballarat Academy Of Soccer 0, St Albans Hoppers Crossing

MIL O Boys West 14 B Round 16: WVSA 1, Western Eagles 1, Sunbury Utd 0 Keilor Park 11, Laker Utd 0, Altona East 1, Essendon Royals 1, North Sunshine Eagles 1, Ballarat Academy Of Soccer 0, St Albans Sunshine Heights

MIL O Boys West 13 A Round 16: Brimbank Altona Magpie 4, Melton Keilor Park Sunshine City 6, Avondale Heights 1, North Sunshine Eagles 1, Ballarat Academy Of Soccer 0, St Albans Hoppers Crossing JSC

MIL O Boys West 12 A Round 16: Brimbank 2 Altona City 0, Wambay City Melbourne United 1, Ringwood City 2, Sandringham Park 1 Keilor Park 2 Altona Rovers 1, Sunshine Heights 1 Hoppers Crossing JSC 0

MIL O Boys West 12 B Round 16: Brimbank Bye Melton Keilor Park 3, North Sunshine Eagles 1, Avondale Heights 1, Green Gully 1, Ballarat Academy Of Soccer 1, St Albans Gisborne

MIL O Boys West 11 Kangaroos Green Round 16: Keilor Park Bye, WVSA 1, Altona City 3, Flemington Eagles Bye, Greer Gully 6 Altona Rovers 1, Gisborne 5 Hoppers Crossing 0

MIL O Boys West 11 Joys Blue Round 16: Nembee City Bye, Brimbank 0 Laverton Park 5, Maribyrnong Greens 0 Keilor Park 1, Satellite City Utd Avondale Heights, Williamstown Bye

MIL O Boys West 11 Joys Red Round 16: Bendigo Amateur Soccer League Bye, Altona City, Sunshine Georges 8 Sydenham Park 0, Green Gully 9 Gisborne 0 St Albans Sunbury Utd

MIL O Girls Metro 18 Green Round 16: Bye Bye, St Albans Heidelberg United, Sandringham City 3 Bundoora 1, Brunswick Zebras 2 Whitehorse 1, Bulleen 3 Sydenham Park 2

MIL O Girls Metro 18 Purple Round 16: Bye Bye, Mornington 1 Croydon City Arrows JSC 1, Berwick City 2 Sherbrooke Rangers 1, Endeavour Utd 3 Glen Elia 0, Noble Park Langwarrin

MIL O Girls Metro 15 A Round 16: Ashburton 1 Beaumaris 1, Westgate 6 Glen Elia 2, Bendigo Amateur Soccer League Bye, Epping City 3 Watsonia Heights 1, Richmond Bye

MIL O Girls Metro 15 B Round 16: Rosebud Bye, Berwick City Bye, Mornington Baxter Brighton JSC 2, Boroondara Lions 1, Sandringham City Langwarrin

MIL O Girls Metro 15 C Round 16: Bye Bye, Eastern

Lions 2 Sherbrooke Rangers 0, East Bentleigh Hampton Park Jtd, Croydon City Arrows JSC Brighton JSC, North Caulfield 0 Mornington 1

MIL O Girls Metro 13 A Round 16: Sandringham City 4 Peninsula 0, Berwick City 0 Beaumaris 1, Sherbrooke Rangers 2 Baxter 0, Mornington 0 Brighton JSC 6, Croydon City Arrows JSC 0 Knox City 2

MIL O Girls Metro 13 B Round 16: Nunawading City 1 Richmond 1, Brighton JSC 1 Brunswick Zebras 1, Sunbury Utd 0 Doncaster Rovers JSC 3, Boroondara Lions 2 Carrum Utd 0, Dandenong Thunder 0 Western Eagles 0

MIL O Girls Metro 13 C Round 16: Brighton JSC 0 Caulfield Utd 4, Watsonia Heights 1 Langwarrin 3, Beaumaris 0 East Bentleigh 4, Bundoora 3 Doncaster Rovers JSC 0, Hoppers Crossing JSC 3 Altona City 0

MIL O Girls S/E 16 A Round 16: Casey Panthers Bye, Chelsea Sherbrooke Rangers, Phillip Island 0 Glen Waverley 2, Mooroolbark 1 Whitehorse 0, Cranbourne Comets 2 Langwarrin 1

MIL O Girls S/E 15 B Round 16: North Caulfield 1 Boroondara Lions 12, Boronia 5 Richmond 0, Dandenong City 0 Knox City 1, Brighton JSC 0 Berwick Kings 1, Croydon City Arrows JSC 0 Seaford Utd 1

MIL O Girls S/E 14 A Round 16: Berwick City Bye, Boronia 0 Richmond 1, Sandringham City 7 Doncaster Rovers JSC 1, Mornington 4 Whitehorse 2, Bye Brighton JSC

MIL O Girls S/E 14 B Round 16: Seaford Utd Bye, Mooroolbark 1 Ringwood City 3, North Caulfield 2 Langwarrin 1, Richmond Bye, Glen Elia 1 Brighton JSC 4

MIL O Girls S/E 14 C Round 16: Diamond Valley Utd Bye, Boronia 0 Eastern Lions 0, Casey Panthers Glen Waverley, Ashburton 0 Endeavour Utd 0, North Caulfield 0 Sandringham City 3

MIL O Girls S/E 12 A Round 16: Berwick City 2 Croydon City Arrows JSC 1, Ashburton 2 Sandringham City 2, Brighton JSC 1 Boroondara Lions 2, North Caulfield 9 Glen Elia 0, Richmond Bye

MIL O Girls S/E 12 B Round 16: Sherbrooke Rangers 7 Box Hill Inter 0, Glen Elia 1 Brighton JSC 0, Glen Waverley 3 Melbourne Utd 10, Boronia Bye Melbourne United 2 Baxter 6

MIL O Girls S/E 12 C Round 16: Port Melbourne JSC Bye Mornington 0 Beaumaris 1, Caulfield Utd 3 Sandringham City 0, North Caulfield Carrum Utd Baxter 0 Knox City 1

MIL O Girls S/E 11 Round 16: Richmond Bye Croydon City Arrows JSC 1 Boroondara Lions 2, Bye Carrum Utd, Ashburton 1 Brighton JSC 1, Sherbrooke Rangers 2 North Caulfield 0

MIL O Girls N/W 16 A Round 16: Whittlesea Stallions 10 South Melbourne 0, Essendon Royals 0 Altona City 4, North City Lions JSC 4 Sunbury Utd 1 Bundoora 0 Gisborne 1 Epping City 1 Sunshine Georgias 0

MIL O Girls N/W 16 B Round 16: Brimbank Bye, Melton Keilor Park Brunswick Zebras 1, Altona Rovers 1, Wilfstanstown 1 Sandringham City 5, Eltham North 0 Ballarat Academy Of Soccer 0

MIL O Girls N/W 14 Round 16: Brunswick City Bye, Meadow Park 3 Gisborne 1, Brunswick Zebras 4 Epping City 2, Bundoora 2 Keilor Park 0, Eltham North 0 Ballarat Academy Of Soccer 1

MIL O Girls N/W 12 Round 16: Eltham North Bye, Essendon Royals 4 Brunswick Zebras 2, Brunswick City 0 Bendigo Amateur Soccer League 0, Alphington 0 Diamond Valley Utd 1

MIL O Boys S/E 16 Super League Round 16: Knox City JSC 16 15 1 0 81 6 48
Bulleen JSC 16 12 2 2 63 16 39
South Melbourne JSC 16 12 1 3 63 23 37
Southern Stars JSC 16 10 2 4 29 15 32
South Eastern Piranhas 16 8 4 6 31 28 22
Doncaster Rovers JSC 16 4 3 9 28 53 15
Bentleigh Greens JSC 16 3 5 8 16 47 14
Glen Waverley JSC 16 3 4 9 24 16 13
Oakleigh JSC 16 2 1 13 2 43 7
Whitehorse 16 1 14 9 63 4

MIL O Boys S/E 15 Super League Round 16: Box Hill Inter JSC 14 10 1 3 53 22 31
South Melbourne JSC 14 8 5 1 31 14 29
Bulleen JSC 13 7 4 2 30 10 23
Kingston City JSC 14 6 5 3 30 16 23
Gipsland Soccer League 14 6 2 3 28 24 20
Whitehorse 15 4 3 6 20 24 15
Noble Park JSC 14 6 7 17 42 9
Doncaster Rovers JSC 14 6 7 17 42 9
Beaumaris SC 15 1 3 11 10 40 6

MIL O Boys S/E 14 Super League Round 16: South Melbourne FC 16 13 1 2 56 16 40
Brimbank SC 16 12 1 3 43 14 37
Manningham JSC 16 10 3 3 34 9 33
Bulleen JSC 16 8 2 4 11 18 30
Knox City JSC 15 7 2 6 21 18 23
Endeavour Jtd 16 6 3 7 25 21 21
Doncaster Rovers JSC 15 6 2 7 20 20 20
Chelsea JSC 16 2 3 11 11 40 9
Whitehorse 16 1 4 11 9 49 7
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MIL O Boys S/E 13 Super League Round 16: Box Hill Inter JSC 16 13 3 0 38 6 42
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Knox City JSC 16 6 1 1 26 27 18
Dandenong City JSC 16 5 9 21 25 17
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Dandenong City JSC 16 5 9 21 25 17
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Brighton JSC	16 5 2 9 24 30 17
Mornington SC	16 4 2 10 25 43 14
Hampton Park Utd	16 2 0 14 17 69 6
Seaford Utd	15 1 1 13 12 52 4

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Dandenong City JSC	P W D L F A P T
Bentleigh Greens JSC	16 15 1 0 116 21 46
Endeavour United JSC	16 12 1 3 53 29 37
Langwarrin SC	16 10 4 2 47 15 34
Beaumaris SC	16 7 2 7 35 26 23
Berwick City JSC	16 6 4 6 34 39 22
Baxter Soccer Club	16 6 0 9 36 39 21
Rosebud JSC	16 7 0 3 34 52 21
Brighton JSC	16 1 1 14 15 91 4
Mornington A	16 0 2 14 15 81 2

MILO Boys South 14 A

Springvale White Eagles	P W D L F A P T
Mornington	16 14 1 1 76 19 43
Sandringham City	16 14 0 2 83 15 42
Brighton	16 11 0 5 51 27 33
Langwarrin	16 10 1 5 72 31 31
Berwick City	16 8 2 5 42 16 29
Lyndale Utd	16 8 2 6 60 33 26
Hampton Park Utd	16 4 0 12 41 65 12
Beaumaris	16 3 0 13 17 78 9
Baxter	16 3 0 13 16 85 9
	16 1 0 15 11 110 3

MILO Boys South 14 B

Dandenong City JSC	P W D L F A P T
Frankston Pines JSC	16 13 1 1 53 12 40
Cranebourne Comets JSC	14 12 0 2 56 18 32
Brighton JSC	14 8 1 5 55 30 25
Langwarrin SC	14 8 1 7 31 35 19
Mornington SC	14 5 1 8 30 33 16
Peninsula JSC	14 5 0 9 32 44 15
Sandringham City JSC	14 2 0 12 19 78 5
Heatherston Utd	0 0 0 0
White Star Dandenong JSC	15 0 0 15 5 111 0

MILO Boys South 13 A

Dandenong Thunder JSC	P W D L F A P T
Bentleigh Greens JSC	16 15 0 1 73 9 45
Berwick City JSC	16 12 1 3 48 14 37
Langwarrin SC	16 10 0 5 56 13 33
Brighton JSC	16 10 3 3 42 12 33
Frankston Pines JSC	16 10 1 5 51 19 31
Dandenong JSC	16 8 1 7 38 21 25
Douglas JSC	16 4 3 9 29 45 16
Mornington SC	16 2 2 12 37 8
Hampton Park Utd	16 1 2 13 8 52 5
Endeavour Utd	16 0 1 15 4 83 1

MILO Boys South 13 B

Lyndale Utd	P W D L F A P T
Berwick City JSC	16 14 2 0 86 8 44
East Bentleigh JSC	16 12 0 4 64 17 36
Sandringham City JSC	15 11 2 2 64 14 35
Beaumaris SC	16 10 3 3 66 19 33
Brighton JSC	16 8 4 4 41 20 28
Camur Utd	16 5 0 11 28 53 15
Phillip Island JSC	16 3 2 11 25 67 11
Seaford Utd	16 3 2 11 11 57 11
Hampton Park Utd	16 1 1 14 10 90 4

MILO Boys South 13 C

Beaumaris	P W D L F A P T
Cranebourne Comets	15 11 2 2 45 22 35
Seaford Utd	14 8 4 2 42 18 26
Springvale White Eagles	14 9 1 4 4 23 28
Langwarrin	14 9 1 4 4 23 28
Baxter	14 4 2 8 12 26 14
Brighton	14 4 0 10 19 32 12
Sandringham City	15 3 1 11 12 50 10
Berwick City	14 1 1 12 8 46 4

MILO Boys South 12 A

Beaumaris SC	P W D L F A P T
Berwick City JSC	16 13 1 2 49 9 40
Dandenong City JSC	16 12 3 1 53 11 39
Sandringham City JSC	16 11 3 2 48 18 38
Peninsula JSC	16 10 3 3 60 18 33
Bentleigh Greens JSC	16 9 4 3 29 9 31
Mornington SC	16 8 2 8 24 24 20
Brighton JSC	16 4 2 10 22 37 14
Hampton Park Utd	16 3 1 12 11 30 10
Langwarrin SC	16 1 1 14 8 58 4
	16 1 0 15 15 85 3

MILO Boys South 12 B

Hampton	P W D L F A P T
Beaumaris	14 12 1 1 37 8 37
Mornington	13 7 3 3 24 14 24
Seaford Utd	16 7 3 5 24 18 24
Brighton	14 7 1 6 19 25 22
Cranebourne Comets	14 6 2 8 17 17 20
Berwick City	14 6 2 8 16 16 20
Sandringham City	15 3 5 7 16 18 14
Chelsea	14 1 6 8 19 8
Langwarrin	13 2 2 9 7 33 8
	0 0 0 0

MILO Boys South 12 C

Rosebud JSC	P W D L F A P T
Baxter Soccer Club	12 11 1 0 42 1 34
Beaumaris SC	12 8 2 2 31 13 26
Mornington SC	12 8 2 2 33 16 26
Langwarrin SC	12 7 0 5 22 15 21
Sandringham City JSC	13 5 4 4 16 23 19
Brighton JSC	13 2 2 9 13 37 8
Seaford Utd	13 2 1 10 10 32 7
	13 1 0 12 11 41 3

MILO Boys South 12 D

Harrisfield Hurricanes	P W D L F A P T
Bentleigh Greens JSC	13 12 0 1 112 10 36
Kaysborough JSC	13 8 1 4 74 27 25
Peninsula JSC	12 7 1 4 53 20 22
Hampton JSC	12 5 0 7 41 29 15
Lyndale Utd	13 3 0 10 12 108 9

Casey Panthers JSC	12 2 0 10 9 77 6
Endeavour Hills SC	12 0 0 12 0 113 0

MILO Boys South 11 Kangaroos Green

Brighton	P W D L F A P T
Beaumaris	15 12 3 0 48 14 39
Berwick City	14 8 5 1 49 11 29
Mornington	14 8 4 2 37 15 28
Dandenong City	14 7 2 5 31 20 23
Heatherston Utd	14 6 2 6 28 19 29
Sandringham City	13 4 1 6 23 11 13
Cranebourne Comets	15 2 6 7 12 27 12
Hampton	14 1 1 11 4 64 7
	13 1 2 9 8 46 5

MILO Boys South 11 Kangaroos Purple

Sandringham City JSC	P W D L F A P T
Langwarrin SC	14 12 1 1 85 6 37
Noble Park JSC	15 8 5 2 50 18 29
Seaford Utd	14 8 4 2 52 8 28
Dandenong Thunder JSC	15 8 4 3 40 13 28
Springvale White Eagles	14 7 4 3 41 14 25
Peninsula JSC	14 5 2 7 41 22 17
Mornington JSC	14 3 1 10 11 62 10
Rosebud JSC	14 0 3 11 4 85 3
	14 0 2 12 51 03 2

MILO Boys South 11 Joys Blue

Berwick City	P W D L F A P T
Sandringham City	14 13 1 0 76 7 40
Brighton	13 10 3 2 47 15 31
Endeavour Utd	15 9 4 2 33 15 31
Beaumaris	14 7 3 4 25 23 24
Baxter	14 5 1 8 19 30 16
Dandenong City	14 4 3 7 29 32 15
Douglas JSC	14 4 1 9 73 46 13
Camur Utd	14 3 2 9 20 29 11
	14 0 0 14 3 69 0

MILO Boys South 11 Joys Red

Hampton Park Utd	P W D L F A P T
Mornington	16 13 2 1 80 14 41
Brighton B	16 12 1 3 41 15 37
Sandringham City	16 10 4 2 30 10 34
Hampton	16 9 2 5 30 18 29
Keyborough JSC	16 9 1 6 30 26 28
Beaumaris	16 7 1 8 26 29 22
Langwarrin	16 4 1 11 16 36 13
Brighton A	15 4 1 10 9 36 13
Berwick City	16 2 12 6 36 8
	15 1 1 13 14 48 4

MILO Boys East 16 A

Bulleen JSC	P W D L F A P T
Riversdale Raiders	14 12 1 1 62 1 37
Nunawading City JSC	14 12 1 1 51 17 37
Manningham JSC	15 10 2 3 60 19 32
Glen Waverley JSC	14 7 1 6 35 19 22
East Bentleigh JSC	14 7 0 7 39 21 21
Sherbrooke Rangers JSC	14 6 1 7 36 19 21
Doncaster Rovers JSC	15 3 1 11 16 85 10
Ashburton JSC	14 2 1 11 11 61 7
	14 1 0 13 11 69 3

MILO Boys East 16 B

Richmond JSC	P W D L F A P T
Boroondara Lions JFC	3 11 1 73 16 34
Boroondara JSC	12 9 1 2 51 20 28
North Caulfield JSC	2 7 2 3 52 34 23
North Caulfield JSC	12 6 2 4 45 19 20
Moorebank JSC	12 4 3 4 41 45 15
Eastern Lions	13 4 2 7 35 44 14
Manningham JSC	12 2 1 9 27 50 7
Glen Elva JSC	12 0 0 12 11 5 0

MILO Boys East 15 A

Bulleen JSC	P W D L F A P T
Boroondara JSC	14 10 2 2 50 12 32
North Caulfield JSC	14 9 1 4 40 27 28
South Springvale JSC	14 7 4 3 23 11 25
South Melbourne JFC	13 6 3 5 22 19 21
Manningham JSC	13 5 4 4 21 17 19
Doncaster Rovers JSC	14 5 8 24 25 18
Knox City JSC	14 4 2 8 20 38 14
Richmond JSC	14 3 3 6 13 26 12
Sherbrooke Rangers JSC	13 3 2 10 18 56 1
	0 0 0 0

MILO Boys East 15 B

Eastern Lions	P W D L F A P T
Brandon Park JSC	15 1 3 14 10 12 38
Glen Waverley JSC	16 9 3 4 40 19 30
Nunawading City JSC	16 9 3 4 44 26 30
Croydon City Arrows JSC	15 9 1 5 45 28 28
North Caulfield JSC	16 9 1 6 31 26 28
Westvale SC	16 7 1 8 24 35 22
Doncaster Rovers JSC	16 5 4 7 18 20 19
East Bentleigh JSC	16 5 3 6 22 29 18
Boroondara JSC	15 3 2 10 17 41 11
	15 0 1 14 9 58 1

MILO Boys East 15 C

Boroondara Lions JFC	P W D L F A P T
Port Melbourne JSC	15 13 1 1 68 14 40
Ashburton JSC	14 10 2 2 53 16 32
Caulfield Utd	14 9 3 2 37 14 30
Ringwood City JSC	14 9 1 4 45 20 28
Manningham JSC	14 7 1 6 33 26 17
Sherbrooke Rangers JSC	14 6 0 8 32 32 18
Richmond JSC	15 3 0 12 31 67 9
Moorebank JSC	14 2 0 12 13 69 6
	14 1 0 13 12 69 3

MILO Boys East 14 A

Bulleen JSC	P W D L F A P T
Nunawading City JSC	15 13 0 2 48 9 39
Kingston City JSC	14 10 2 2 26 1 32
Richmond JSC	14 9 2 3 38 17 29
Glen Waverley JSC	14 6 5 3 28 17 23
Eastern Lions	15 6 1 8 37 31 19
Riversdale Raiders	14 5 1 8 30 26 16
Caulfield Utd	14 3 1 8 16 26 12
Sherbrooke Rangers JSC	14 3 0 11 17 70 9
	14 1 2 11 14 47 5

MILO Boys East 14 B

Manningham JSC	P W D L F A P T
Croydon City JSC	12 11 1 0 46 8 34
Knox City JSC	12 10 1 1 40 4 31
Eastern Lions	12 7 2 3 31 18 23
	13 6 2 5 18 18 20

Southern Stars JFC	P W D L F A P T
Melbourne Utd	16 15 1 0 81 12 46
Bulleen JSC	16 9 2 5 41 27 29
Oakleigh JSC	16 9 2 5 36 22 29
Manningham JSC	15 9 1 6 44 23 28
North Caulfield JSC	16 9 0 7 38 23 27
Glen Elva JSC	16 7 4 5 33 21 25
Whitstone	16 6 2 8 34 50 20
Springvale City JSC	16 3 2 11 21 70 11
Clayton JSC	16 3 1 11 18 43 10
	16 1 1 14 13 68 4

MILO Boys East 14 C

Doncaster Rovers JSC	P W D L F A P T
Berwick City JSC	16 13 1 2 63 16 10
Croydon City Arrows JSC	16 11 2 3 62 20 35
Beaumaris SC	16 9 2 5 46 29 29
Knox City JSC	16 8 2 6 33 35 26
Nunawading City JSC	16 6 1 7 47 53 25
Moorebank JSC	16 7 1 8 39 33 22
Glen Waverley JSC	16 6 1 9 28 44 19
Stannington City JSC	16 4 4 8 29 40 16
Brighton JSC	16 3 2 11 28 50 11
	16 2 3 12 18 62 8

MILO Boys East 14 D

Chelsea JSC	P W D L F A P T
Manningham JSC	16 13 1 2 73 12 40
Ashburton JSC	16 13 0 3 84 13 39
Boroondara JSC	16 12 0 4 54 18 36
Hampton JSC	15 11 0 6 47 17 33
East Bentleigh JSC	16 10 0 6 47 20 30
Doncaster Rovers JSC	15 7 4 7 41 32 22
Eastern Lions	16 5 0 11 28 82 15
Ringwood City JSC	16 4 1 11 19 71 13
Glen Elva JSC	16 2 0 14 21 86 6
	16 0 1 15 13 98 1

MILO Boys East 13 A

North Caulfield	P W D L F A P T
Doncaster Rovers	15 12 3 0 41 10 39
Bulleen JSC	14 10 0 4 41 24 30
South Melbourne	15 9 1 6 40 27 28
Oakleigh	14 8 2 4 28 17 26
Croydon City Arrows	14 5 4 5 30 21 19
Riversdale Raiders	14 5 2 7 16 20 17
Clayton	14 4 2 8 19 35 14
Port Melbourne	14 2 0 12 11 39 6
	14 1 2 11 14 47 5

MILO Boys East 13 B

Kingston City JSC	P W D L F A P T
Boroondara JSC	13 10 3 0 36 14 33
Richmond JSC	14 9 3 3 28 12 30
Monash City JSC	13 7 3 3 28 15 24
Ashburton JSC	14 7 1 6 37 20 22
Eastern Lions	13 5 5 5 17 25 20
Manningham JSC	14 6 1 7 20 24 18
Nunawading City JSC	15 0 0 8 24 19 18
Sherbrooke Rangers JSC	14 2 3 9 7 33 9
	14 1 1 12 4 54 4

MILO Boys East 13 C

Glen Waverley JSC	P W D L F A P T
Brandon Park JSC	13 9 1 3 39 12 28
Ringwood City JSC	13 8 2 3 30 18 26
Richmond JSC	12 8 1 3 17 11 25
North Caulfield JSC	12 6 5 1 19 6 23
Springvale City JSC	42 5 2 5 18 17 17
Caulfield Utd	12 2 2 8 12 30 8
Moorebank JSC	12 2 1 9 13 33 7
	12 1 2 9 14 31 6

MILO Boys East 13 D

Doncaster Rovers	P W D L F A P T
Boroondara JSC	14 13 1 0 73 4 40
Ashburton	14 9 1 4 34 24 26
Boroondara Lions	14 8 3 3 48 16 27
East Bentleigh	14 9 0 5 37 25 27
Croydon City Arrows	15 7 2 6 31 16 23
North Caulfield	15 4 3 8 20 37 15
Glen Waverley	14 3 1 10 15 42 10
Glen Elva	14 0 0 14 5 71 0

MILO Boys East 12 A

Box Hill Inter JSC	P W D L F A P T
Bulleen JSC	14 1

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MILO Boys North 12 D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Greenvale Jtd	16	12	2	2	64	6	38
Broadmeadows Utd	16	12	1	3	57	22	37
Essendon Royals JSC	16	9	5	2	46	11	32
Moreland Jtd	16	10	1	5	35	28	31
Youth Utd	16	9	3	3	36	30	30
Hume Jtd	16	5	3	8	27	37	18
Brunswick Zebras JSC	16	8	0	10	23	36	18
Moreland Wolves	16	4	1	11	26	54	13
Watsonia Heights JSC	16	3	2	11	21	58	11
Alphington	16	1	0	15	17	70	3

MILO Boys North 11 Kangaroos Green

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Brunswick Zebras JSC	14	11	3	0	34	5	36
Bundoora JSC	14	10	1	3	42	7	31
Preston Lions JSC	14	9	4	1	38	6	31
North City Lions JSC	14	9	2	3	53	15	29
Brunswick City JSC	14	7	2	5	31	15	23
Heidelberg Stars JSC	14	4	1	9	20	25	17
Epping City SC	14	3	0	11	16	18	13
Heidelberg Jtd	14	3	0	11	11	50	9
Eltham North JSC	14	0	0	15	1	64	0

MILO Boys North 11 Kangaroos Purple

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Melbourne Knights JSC	14	11	2	1	47	1	35
Whitlessa Stallions JSC	14	10	2	2	25	7	32
Essendon Royals JSC	13	9	3	1	42	8	30
Light Utd	13	7	3	3	24	7	24
Fawcett JSC	15	7	2	6	23	24	23
North City Lions JSC	14	4	3	7	17	24	15
Moreland City JSC	14	5	0	9	26	15	15
Brunswick Zebras JSC	13	0	2	11	5	90	2
Clifton Hill Jtd	14	0	1	3	4	50	1

MILO Boys North 11 Jozeys Blue

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Moreland Jtd	15	14	1	0	62	4	41
Diamond Valley Utd	16	11	3	2	36	7	36
Essendon Royals JSC	16	11	1	4	26	11	34
Koon Park SC	14	8	3	3	20	12	21
Watsonia Heights JSC	16	6	2	8	21	27	16
Light United North JSC	13	5	1	7	21	17	16
North Coburg Jtd	14	4	1	7	11	17	15
Epping City SC	15	4	1	10	13	34	13
Koon Park SC	15	2	4	9	12	34	10
Brunswick City JSC	15	2	1	12	7	49	7

MILO Boys West 16 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Albion Rovers	16	15	0	1	89	14	45
Kellor Park	16	12	2	2	78	8	38
St Albans	15	11	1	3	62	24	34
Western Eagles	16	10	1	5	48	31	31
Ballarat Academy Of Soccer	16	7	3	6	40	36	24
WVSA	6	6	1	9	31	44	19
Laverton Park	16	4	4	8	23	34	16
Sunbury Utd	16	5	1	10	31	71	16
Gisborne	16	2	0	14	14	72	6
Sunshine Heights	15	0	1	14	5	97	1

MILO Boys West 15 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sunshine Georgies JSC	16	13	3	0	82	13	42
North Sunshine Eagles JSC	16	11	3	2	51	15	36
Albion Magic JSC	16	9	6	1	60	19	33
Brimbank JSC	16	9	2	5	62	31	29
Kellor Park JSC	15	8	2	5	56	29	26
Ballarat Academy Of Soccer	16	8	2	6	30	26	26
Avondale Heights JSC	16	6	0	11	19	54	15
St Albans	15	3	0	12	26	57	9
Melton SC	15	3	0	12	17	92	9
Hoppers Crossing JSC	15	0	0	15	31	0	0

MILO Boys West 14 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Albion Rovers	16	10	2	3	40	13	32
Green Gully	14	9	3	2	36	14	30
Albion City	14	9	1	4	48	14	28
Kellor Park	16	8	4	2	36	16	26
Ballarat Academy Of Soccer	15	8	4	3	36	17	26
St Albans	13	3	1	9	29	32	11
Hoppers Crossing	13	3	1	9	29	42	10
Laverton Park	14	2	2	0	19	44	8
Brimbank	14	1	1	12	9	71	4

MILO Boys West 13 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sunshine Heights	16	15	1	0	79	8	48
Sunshine Georgies	16	13	2	1	62	14	41
Ballarat Academy Of Soccer	16	9	2	5	40	21	29
Kellor Park	16	8	0	8	34	22	24
Werribee City	16	8	0	8	31	20	24
Green Gully	16	7	2	7	29	22	23
Sydenham Park	16	7	2	7	19	23	23
Western Eagles	16	6	1	9	26	35	19
Williamstown	16	1	0	15	10	74	3
Melbourne Knights	16	1	0	15	5	60	3

MILO Boys West 12 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Brimbank JSC	16	13	2	1	59	10	41
Albion City JSC	16	11	2	3	57	12	35
Albion Rovers JSC	16	11	1	4	72	18	34
Green Gully JSC	16	10	3	3	42	12	33
Melbourne Knights JSC	15	7	5	3	35	12	26
Werribee City JSC	15	8	1	8	36	21	25
Kellor Park JSC	16	4	4	8	26	28	16
Sydenham Park JSC	15	3	0	12	11	35	9
Hoppers Crossing JSC	15	1	0	14	4	94	3
Sunshine Heights JSC	16	1	0	15	51	04	3

MILO Boys West 12 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sunshine Georgies JSC	14	13	1	0	45	8	40
Kellor Park JSC	14	10	0	4	41	10	30
Gisborne Junior Soccer Club	13	8	2	3	26	10	26
Ballarat Academy Of Soccer	14	6	3	5	26	30	21
St Albans	14	4	3	7	19	25	15
Melton SC	13	4	2	7	16	26	14
Avondale Heights JSC	14	4	0	1	17	32	12
Green Gully JSC	14	3	2	9	25	11	11
Brimbank JSC	14	3	1	10	10	46	10
Albion City JSC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

MILO Boys West 11 Kangaroos Green

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Albion City	13	10	1	2	61	9	31
Gisborne	12	10	0	2	27	8	30
Green Gully	13	9	1	3	66	9	28
Kellor Park	12	7	3	2	39	7	24
Albion Rovers	12	3	4	9	17	29	13
Hoppers Crossing	12	2	2	8	14	48	8
WVSA	13	2	1	10	19	48	7
Flemington Eagles	13	3	0	12	14	88	3

MILO Boys West 11 Jozeys Blue

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Avondale Heights JSC	11	10	0	1	42	9	30
Williamstown JSC	13	8	3	2	28	7	27
Laverton Park JSC	12	7	2	3	36	17	23
Kellor Park JSC	12	7	1	4	32	13	22
Manlymang Greens JSC	12	5	2	5	13	14	17
Sydenham City Utd	12	3	0	9	12	42	9
St Albans	12	2	1	9	10	34	7
Brimbank JSC	12	1	1	10	1	38	4

MILO Boys West 11 Jozeys Red

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Green Gully	12	10	1	1	47	8	31
Bendigo Amateur Soccer	12	9	1	2	48	13	28
Sunbury Utd	11	8	1	2	69	6	25
Sunshine Georgies	12	8	4	2	43	9	22
Albion City	13	5	0	8	34	17	15
Sydenham Park	13	4	0	9	24	65	12
St Albans	11	2	8	10	33	5	12
Gisborne	12	0	1	11	21	06	1

MILO Girls Metro 18 Green

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sandringham City JSC	12	12	0	0	82	3	36
Bundoora JSC	12	10	0	2	93	14	30
Sydenham Park JSC	13	8	0	5	43	30	24
Bulleen JSC	12	5	2	5	23	48	17
St Albans JSC	12	4	3	5	25	28	15
Brunswick Zebras JSC	12	4	2	6	35	38	14
Heidelberg United JSC	11	2	1	8	9	47	7
Whitehorse	14	0	0	14	4	108	0

MILO Girls Metro 18 Purple

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Noble Park JSC	13	12	0	1	83	8	36
Berwick City JSC	12	7	1	4	23	17	22
Mornington SC	12	6	2	4	13	24	20
Sherbrooke Rangers JSC	13	6	1	6	19	17	19
Langwarrin SC	11	5	1	5	16	20	16
Endeavour Utd	13	4	0	9	8	11	29
Croydon City Arrows JSC	12	3	3	6	14	22	12
Glen Eira JSC	12	1	0	11	5	49	3

MILO Girls Metro 15 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Ashburton JWSC	13	10	2	1	37	13	32
Epping City SC	13	7	3	3	38	30	24
Richmond JSC	12	7	1	4	31	26	22
Glen Eira JSC	13	6	0	7	33	39	16
Bendigo Amateur Soccer	12	5	2	5	30	21	17
Beaumaris SC	13	5	2	6	32	26	17
Westgate JSC	12	4	1	7	33	41	13
Watsonia Heights JSC	12	0	1	11	9	47	1

MILO Girls Metro 15 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Rosebud JSC	12	8	1	3	23	10	25
Brighton JSC	12	7	2	3	20	10	23
Baxter Soccer Club	12	5	2	5	23	14	20
Berwick City JSC	12	6	1	5	18	15	19
Boroondara Lions JSC	12	5	3	4	23	18	16
Langwarrin SC	11	6	1	5	23	17	16
Sandringham City JSC	12	2	2	8	33	6	8
Mornington SC	11	1	1	9	4	26	4

MILO Girls Metro 15 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Eastern Lions	12	11	0	1	43	6	33
Eas. Boroondara JSC	11	8	0	3	29	13	24
Sherbrooke Rangers JSC	13	7	1	5	30	21	22
Croydon City Arrows JSC	12	6	0	6	19	17	16
Brighton JSC	11	5	2	4	8	10	17
North Caulfield JSC	11	4	2	7	15	29	14
Hampton Park Utd	11	3	1	7	5	16	10
Mornington SC	11	0	0	11	8	43	0

MILO Girls Metro 13 A

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A satirical look at the World of Football according to Mark Bonic



Mardi Gras but not as you know it! Hopefully someone lets the Victory Brazilians know that the one in Brazil is different than the one in Sydney

Another busy week in football. Australia qualified for the Asian Cup Finals via a win over Kuwait, with an assist coming from Israel in eliminating Lebanon from the competition. Kuwait, who had complained about the pitch at Aussie Stadium (not enough sand?) gave the Australian A League team a solid test before two late goals gave us the win.

Closer to home, the Vodafone Cup is nearing the business end of the season, with Final Six and relegation issues looking like going down to the wire. Melbourne Knights have changed coaches

again, for only the third time of the campaign. A disappointing season for the Somers Street club, who can only look back on the glory days of the 80's when four, five or even six coaches would have been dismissed over the course of a season.

Further away from home, the English Premier League season has kicked off. Will Chelsea dominate again? Will there be a plucky minnow amongst the newly promoted clubs that may be able to survive? Will Graham Poll issue a player maybe up to four yellow cards but not send him off? All will eventually be revealed. "How many games before Lucas Neill is sent-off" was in the middle of those questions pondered, but removed for obvious reasons.

World Champions Italy were beaten 2-0 by Croatia in a friendly this week. World Cup hangover perhaps? The Greeks are showing no signs of ever recovering from their European Championships winning hangover and should probably start looking at attending AA meetings after losing 0-4 to England.

No news from Nike about a match ball sponsorship initiative as proposed in last week's Katsa's Corner. However, when it comes to match balls going onto the Monash Freeway at Richmond games it isn't a matter of money, it is a matter of sticking it up the evil CitiLink Corporation. I will never lose a ball to them, never.

The A League starts this week, with Melbourne hosting Adelaide United on Friday and then Sydney FC next week. I wonder if anyone has warned the Victory Brazilian clan that the Mardi Gras in Brazil and the one in Sydney are two different things altogether? Perhaps they could have adapted the A League slogan to explain it i.e. it's the Mardi Gras, but not as you know it.

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FOOTBALL FUNNIES

The manager of a local club was talking to a young player who had applied for a trial with the club. 'Do you kick with both feet?' asked the manager. 'Don't be silly!' said the player. 'If I did that, I wouldn't be able to stand up, would I?'

Three football codes prevail in Ireland. Rugby, which is defined as a thugs' game played by gentlemen, soccer - a gentleman's game played by thugs, and Gaelic football - a thugs' game played by thugs!

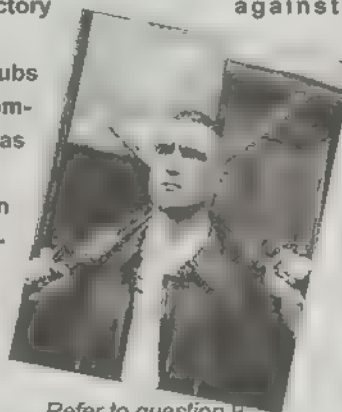
'I just don't understand it,' a footballer complained. 'One match I play very well, then the next match I'm terrible.' 'Well,' said his wife, 'why don't you just play every other match?'

QUIZ ANSWERS

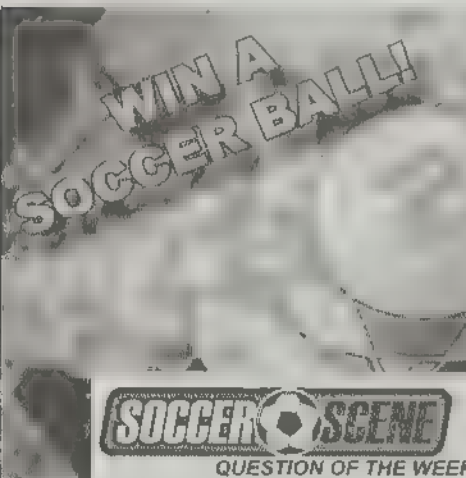
1. Adelaide United
2. Cristiano Ronaldo
3. Kevin Keegan
4. Arsenal Cup
5. Time
6. Louisa Buby
7. Quarter Final (1st 2-1 to Brazil)
8. David Beckham
9. Wimbledon
10. Zidane

A QUESTION OF SPORT

- 1/ Which A-league team does Australia's Travis Dodd play for?
- 2/ Who grabbed two goals in the Young Matilda's 3-0 victory over New Zealand in the opening game of the U20 World Cup?
- 3/ Who captained Melbourne Victory against Perth Glory on Friday night?
- 4/ From 1955 to 1983 Victorian clubs participated in a pre-season night competition. Do you remember what it was called?
- 5/ True or false? Green Gully coach Ian Dobson played for Hull City and Hereford United in the UK before moving to Australia in 1982.
- 6/ Apart from last season's winner, Georgia Koutrouvelis, which other Box Hill Inter player has won the Women's League Gold Medal?
- 7/ How far did England progress in the 2002 World Cup?
- 8/ Who was the coach of the Bulleen Zebras when it won the VPL Championship in 2004?
- 9/ Movie star Vinnie Jones won an FA Cup with which London team?
- 10/ Which Frenchman broke the international transfer record with a move to Real Madrid in 2001 - was it Makele, Zidane or Anelka?



Refer to question 9



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BAYSIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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► Premier League

With only two rounds remaining, Western Port's slender lead increased by just one point ahead of Hampton Park by two and the fast charging Bayswater Strikers by four.

Western Port Wanderers had a massive task at hand playing away to the Boronia Knights as was able to at least gain a very valuable point as the two teams drew 1-1. Adam Foster scored his first for Western Port from a long distant shot in the 2nd minute whilst Boronia's goal came from Glenn Brown.

Hampton Park United could have gone top if they were able to defeat Bayswater Strikers, but that were not the case. Bayswater Strikers created more chances than their opponents in front of goal and during the first half gained the decisive advantage when the Strikers took the lead from a corner kick. It marks Bayswater fifth win in a row!

Hampton Park pushed very hard in the later stages of the match but could not find the back of the net. The loss still keeps Hampton Park within two points of top spot, but has now put Bayswater Strikers not only a chance to grab second place but if Western Port fails next weekend could be within one point of top place.

Rosebud has now made it four wins from four matches as they defeated Mt Lilydale Old Collegians at home to now move into forth position. Ross Symonds goal was the only one in the match and for Mt Lilydale they need a miracle if they are to survive the drop.

Whilst it is unlikely that Rosebud will win the title it does put them in very good form for the cup finals.

Peninsula stays in eighth place with their first draw of the season when they hosted Croydon Ranges to record a 1-1 draw. The draw now has Peninsula six points above Mt Lilydale with two rounds remaining and is now almost safe from relegation. Croydon Ranges has not won a competitive match since round 11 and are now mathematically out of the race for the title.

► Premier Reserves

Croydon Ranges has dropped their first points since round 8 draw to Western Port Wanderers when they drew with eight placed Peninsula 1-1. The draw has given Boronia Colts renewed hope that Croydon may drop the ball like they did last season. With two rounds remaining Croydon does lead Boronia by 7 points but both Croydon and Boronia have a game in hand, against each other!



Boronia Colts gained all three points with a big win over Western Port 5-1. Knox City maintains the hope of gaining second place with three points over suspended Pines Condors. Hampton Park United and Bayswater Strikers drew 2-2 and finally Rosebud defeated Mt Lilydale 1-0.

► Division 1

It looks like 2006 league champions Langwarrin has taken its foot of the accelerator as the once

undefeated club has been now defeated for the second week in a row, this time by the Mornington Power. Mornington Power come into the match perhaps noticing the shock win by Cerberus over Langwarrin the week before and had created hope in the Power camp of inflicting Langwarrin's second loss of the season. And that they did with a 2-1 result after going a goal down at one stage.

The race for second place has swung into Brighton Old Boys favour as the gap to third place is now at four points with two rounds remaining after Brighton got the better of Cuscatlan 3-0.

Third place is now occupied by Baxter Eagles after they notched up another win, this time over Boronia Cavaliers 5-1. But the Eagles have only one game remaining and a bye which means they have no hope of finishing second.

Cerberus is the next best team that could finish second as they continued with another impressive performance by defeating Monash Peninsula 4-3. Monash did hold an early two goal lead but quickly fell behind with four quick goals by Cerberus. Three of them by Mathew Gaston to on top of the six he scored against Langwarrin.

The loss by Monash must have been brutally disappointing for the players in the sense they now have dropped to fifth place and five points behind Brighton.

► Division 2

In a season that had three strong teams it required a sensational winning streak by Parkmore that

BORONIA KNIGHTS

Boronia Knights are one of the largest clubs that participates in the Bayside Football association, with no less than four senior teams spread across four divisions.

After been a powerhouse in the league with three league titles in 2000, 2001 & 2002, Boronia then won the Sands Hotel Cup in 2003 followed by an second place in the league in 2004. Yet 2005 was one to forget as they slumped almost into a relegation battle towards that later stages of the season.

One of the highlights though was the brilliantly run Charity Shield day in 2005. Even with the rain it did not spoil what was a very successful day to help out a family with a son diagnosed with cancer.

If the club can continued with the spirit that was shown on that day then they will certainly have a very long future.

Boronia also contested in the Football Federation Victoria leagues between 1975 and 1993 with two league titles during that period. The clubrooms was extended in 2005.

BRIGHTON OLD BOYS

Brighton Old Boys created a major upset in winning the 2005 Sands Hotel Challenge Cup. Brighton currently plays their trade in the Division 1 yet somehow overcome Premier League clubs Rosebud and then Croydon Ranges to lift the trophy.

Thanks to that win Brighton was automatically invited to participate in the James Veplander Charity Shield match in 2006 against Hampton Park United. Once gain Brighton Old Boys rose to the occasion as they defeated Hampton Park 2-0.

Brighton started in the BFA league in 2004 and was introduce in the top division now known as the Premier League. After one season they where relegated to the Division 1 where they finished a solid 4th position.



Boronia in action earlier this season

lasted to round 13 to put them in the box seat to win the title. And they did win the title last weekend after they defeated struggling Endeavour Sporting 6-0.

Second placed is still yet to be decided with both Cranbourne Comets and Chelsea pushing each other hard. Cranbourne Comets Gold had to travel to Montrose and escaped with 1-0 win. Perhaps it was more of a good indication for Montrose who has steadily improved over the season.

Chelsea Old Boys had the weekend off but do have a game in hand over Cranbourne who have yet to have their bye. Chelsea Old Boys must win the next two games and hope that Cranbourne lose their only remaining match against Mornington Glory in round 18 to finish second.

The final match of the round was between Baxter Falcons and Boronia Barons with the later winning 2-1 to hold forth place.

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KRNCEVIC'S KRUNCHLINES

Greetings football fans and welcome to another dose of Krncevic's Krunchlines.

Like most of you I watched the Socceroos' Asian Cup game against Kuwait with great interest. Considering the squad selected for this particular match had only a short period of preparation time and had never really played together as a unit before this bout, you could say that under the circumstances our boys did relatively well to secure passage through to the next phase of the competition. However, although the Kuwait team gave a good account of themselves, it was pretty obvious that match fitness was the telling factor in the last period of the match, and the part-timers simply ran out of gas, struggling to go the full distance against a team littered with seasoned professionals.

I also read with interest the various articles published in the lead to the match. Graham Arnold's comments, that the team would endeavor to "entertain", was an absolute insult to the Kuwait national team. Make no mistake about it, this AFC match was as important as they come, and to suggest that we would go out there to "entertain" smacked of arrogance and a lack of respect for the opponents. To put it into context, for what it was worth this match was more important than say, an insignificant international friendly against someone like Italy. For as long as I can remember the Asian Confederation has always looked upon Australia with a certain amount of disdain. Comments like that probably haven't done us any favours in the international relations game. If that performance was Arnold's idea of entertainment, then I'd hate to see what boredom

is like.

Furthermore, I can't help but question some of the selections of Graham Arnold and John Kosmina. For me, Mark Milligan is a great prospect for the future, but not in the position he was played in. He is a player that likes to attack and no way is he a defensive midfielder that is supposed to be creative. To compare him to Vince Grella is also ludicrous. Sure, sometimes you have to change players' positions due to the personnel available, but in my opinion, Arnold had players of the calibre of Kristian Sarkies on the bench, who should have got a run.

Angie Baby!

Last week I had the pleasure I traveling to Sydney with Edgley International's chief scout, Mr. Angelo Vendetti, who is one of the most passionate and knowledgeable football personalities I've had the pleasure of meeting. Not only is he an affluent fan of the high flying Kingston City, you'll always see him discussing tactics and views of the game with all concerned - fans, players and officials. Whilst in Sydney I also had the privilege of being introduced to Australia's former heavyweight Thai Kwon Do champion, Fabian Quad, who is also part of the Edgley consortium. There is never a dull moment with Angelo, as he always has a profound view on players and teams from the local scene and abroad. It might be an urban myth, but I've been told Ange also has a TV in every room in his house, so as not to miss any of the action when the football telecast is on the box. Ange has a number of players on his books who are greatly assisted by John Le-loudas, who runs the Boxers Corp Gym in Oak-



You never know who's watching: Chief scout Ange Vendetti catches up on the latest and greatest on the local scene

leigh. Many of our future football stars use the excellent facilities at the Regent Street as they prepare to condition themselves for the demands of modern day football.

Ange isn't shy at having a punt either, and I wasn't surprised to learn that the big man backed Italy at 14-1 to win the World Cup. I'm sure the wager was over \$5, but I've yet to get the truth out of him, but he was smiling from ear to ear

for about a week at the conclusion of the tournament. I wonder how much he got for the Zidane headbutt incident too!

Until next time,

Eddie

Victorian soccer legend Eddie Krncevic represented Australia 35 times and scored 17 goals.

He played professionally in Europe for Dinamo Zagreb (Croatia), MSV Duisberg (Germany), Mulhouse (France) and Anderlecht, FC Liege, Aalst and Charleroi in Belgium.

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Katsa's Korner With George Katsamboukas



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Surprise, surprise! Guess what I am going to write about this week?

Another coaching change! The Melbourne Knights have scored a quinella, replacing their second coach for the year. In a last roll of the dice effort to avoid relegation it was a case of Casey - in, Spoljar - out. One week to go before the finals, surely that will be the last coaching change. Don't bank on it; Vodafone Cup coaches are about as secure as a bottle of J Walker alone with me.

Amnesia Lane

The Socceroos effort against Kuwait bought back flashbacks of the bad old days, pre Guus, with Arnie, Kosie and co. calling the shots from the sidelines and the Socceroos, or should I call them the A-leagueroos, producing a very uninspiring effort. Last week Kosmina publicly called for "goal-a-game" Arnie to get the gig for the next four years, however, for once, common sense prevailed and the FFA will continue its search for a well credentialed overseas

coach. Better luck next time Kosie! Thankfully, the days of jobs for the boys in Australian football are slowly behind us. By the way Kosie, did "goal-a-game" Arnie promise you a role as his assistant, should he get the nod, by any chance?

Ahhh FFV -

You've done it again!

Week in, week out, clubs and spectators are visiting your website to check on which players have been suspended; only problem is, when these suspensions are deferred due to a law that exists that allows clubs to do so, the website is not altered to reflect this. What follows is a sad end, in that clubs then kick up a fuss about particular players playing. They then look for hearings at the Darebin Supreme Court.

I cannot understand two things...

Firstly, why is the website is not updated accordingly, when the FFV allows a suspension for a player that has received five yellow "tickets" to be deferred.

Secondly, and most importantly, why the archaic law that allows clubs to do so still exists. Five yellow "tickets" means a suspension, and it should not be up to the clubs to decide when the suspension should take place. Some will argue that squads have injuries and that their squad numbers are down to the bone. Manage your squads more effectively, educate your players to not receive yellow "tickets" for petty offences, and problem solved.

You can take the boy out of Victorian football, but not Victorian football out of the boy!

I spent the last week in Canberra, a city which has about as much excitement as watching me



Short term memory victim: Adelaide Utd and Socceroos assistant Coach John Kosmina has conveniently changed his opinion about Graham Arnold's coaching capabilities.

playing football back in the days. However, news was still being filtered through to me regarding the Victorian football scene. It seems that a threat of a mention in Katsa's Korner frightens some people. The Victorian Schoolboys team had a less than impressive start to their tournament last week, losing their first couple of games. Enter the official into the dressing rooms after one of these defeats, who told the boys in no uncertain terms, that if they kept these poor results up, that Katsa would be writing about it. End result after this threat? A draw against WA and a win against eventual winners, NSW

Congratulations Ernie on your Victory, pardon the pun, against Perth Glory. Seems that my posting last week of the number 1, has done the trick.

Keep proving me wrong Ernie by winning most of your games!

Until next week...

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FOOTBALL FOCUS... with Mark Tsiorlas

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Club: Fawkner/Whittlesea Blues
Position: Striker
Age: 23
Height: 180cm
Weight: 84kg
Nickname: None
Previous clubs:
 FC Utrecht (Netherlands)
Representative honours: Australia U20

Outfield player you most enjoy watching in the VPL?
 Jurica Siljanovski

In the world? Zinedine Zidane

Hardest keeper and team to score against? South Melbourne and Dean Anastasiadis

Occupation? Carpenter

Craziest team mate of all time?
 Sandy Emmanuelle

Most influential coach of all time?
 Frank McGreillis

Most memorable match as a player?
 Provisional League Cup Final 1998

As a fan? Liverpool vs Newcastle 1996 (4-3)

Where were you when Australia drew 2-2 with Iran? In the stands

And when Australia qualified for the World Cup against Uruguay? In my garage with mates watching the match

What about the 2006 World Cup? We were robbed

Most memorable goal you've scored?
 Bicycle kick vs ajax amsterdam youth

Worst injury: Fractured foot

Funniest moment in football? Seeing a teammate take out his false teeth during a

Mark Tsiorlas is congratulated by his team-mates after scoring against Preston earlier in the season.



game and give them to his opponent

Record number of juggles in single attempt? Haven't juggled a ball in years

Steak, chicken parma or seafood? Steak

Chips, veggies or salad? Chips

Pizza, cvape or souvlaki? Souvlaki

Favourite drink, non alcoholic and alcoholic? Raspberry lemonade, Canadian Club

Favourite nightspot? The Spot

Favourite holiday destination? Sunshine Coast

Kitchen whiz or home handyman? Neither

What's in the CD player right now?
 DJ Manis - Medusa Club greek mega-

mix

Dream date? Beyonce Knowles

First team-mate you'd invite to a party, and why? Danny Madarovski, because he's cool

On the end of season trip, the last player to shout drinks will be...
 Mitch-Bosevski

Match day superstitions or rituals?
 Always leave change room last

Typical matchday meal?
 Spaghetti bolognese

Favorite sporting team when growing up? South Melbourne

What are your strengths?
 Winning headers

What are your weaknesses?
 Endurance

Ten pin bowling or skydiving?
 Ten pin bowling

Toughest opponent? Con Blatsis

Select a player that you play most like?
 I've been told German striker Gerd Muller

Which team do you select when playing FIFA soccer on a computer game?
 Liverpool

What is the last soccer shirt you bought?
 Australia

Funniest rumour you have heard about yourself?
 I had signed for South Melbourne

Childhood soccer idol?
 Robbie Fowler



Favorite former Socceroo?
 John Kosmina

Favourite Current Socceroo?
 Lucas Neill

What song or movie do you get inspiration from? Remember the Titans

Do you watch Footballers Wives? No

Best away ground you like to visit?
 Bob Jane

If I didn't play football I'd play...
 Cricket

What fictional character would you most like to be; why? Homer Simpson

Hollywood is making a movie about your career. Who would you select to play you in a movie? Mel Gibson

Advice to youngsters:
 If you want it bad enough, simply never give up.

Any other bits of Mark Tsiorlas trivia you want us to reveal?
 Nothing that can be revealed in this paper

Thanks Mark and best of luck with the rest of the season..

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Mark has a lugh with coach John Markovski while playing against Gully

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